**Health and Care Worker visa (Main Applicant)** [Skilled Worker visa - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/skilled-worker-visa)

**Eligibility**

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| **Your job**  *To qualify for a Health and Care Worker visa, you must:*  **Be a qualified doctor, nurse, health professional or adult social care professional**  **Work in an eligible health or social care job – Senior Care Workers – CODE 6146 (**<https://onsdigital.github.io/dp-classification-tools/standard-occupationalclassification/ONS_SOC_occupation_coding_tool.html>)  **Work for a UK employer that’s been approved by the Home Office**  **Have a ‘certificate of sponsorship’ from your employer with information about the role you’ve**  **Been offered in the UK**  **Be paid a minimum salary - how much depends on the type of work you do**  *Check if your job is eligible (*[*https://www.gov.uk/health-care-worker-visa/your-job*](https://www.gov.uk/health-care-worker-visa/your-job)*).*  *You must have a confirmed job offer before you apply for your visa.* |
| **Knowledge of English**  You must be able to speak, read, write and understand English. You’ll usually need to prove your knowledge of English when you apply.  You must prove you can ***read, write, speak and understand English*** to **at least level B1** on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (**CEFR**) scale (<https://www.coe.int/en/web/common-european-framework-reference-languages/table-1-cefr-3.3-commonreference-levels-global-scale> ).  *You can prove your knowledge of English by:*  **passing a Secure English Language Test (SELT) from an approved provider** ([Prove your English language abilities with a secure English language test (SELT) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prove-your-english-language-abilities-with-a-secure-english-language-test-selt)) click the link to find out the **specific type of exam and test centre** for your country of origin. Make sure to choose the correct type of exam. If unsure please contact us.  having a GCSE, A level, Scottish National Qualification level 4 or 5, Scottish Higher or Advanced Higher in English, gained through study at a UK school that you began when you were under 18  having a degree-level academic qualification that was taught in English - if you studied abroad, you’ll need to apply through Ecctis (formerly UK NARIC) for confirmation that your qualification is equivalent to a UK bachelor’s degree, master’s degree or PhD |
| **How much it costs**  *When you apply for a Health and Care Worker visa, you’ll need to have enough money to:*  **Pay the application fee (up to 3yr visa £232/person or up to 5yr visa £464/person)**  **Support yourself when you arrive in the UK - you’ll usually need to have at least £1,270 available** |
| **Money to support yourself**  **You must have at least £1,270 in your bank account to show you can support yourself in the UK.**  **You will need to have had the money available for at least 28 days in a row. Day 28 must be within 31 days of applying for this visa.** |
| **Documents you'll need to apply**  *When you apply you’ll need to provide:*  **Your certificate of sponsorship reference number - your employer will give you this**  **Proof of your knowledge of English**  **A valid passport or other document that shows your identity and nationality**  **Your job title and annual salary**  **Your job’s occupation code**  **The name of your employer and their sponsor licence number - this will be on your certificate of sponsorship** |
| **Other documents you might need**  *Depending on your circumstances, you might be asked to provide:*  **Evidence that you have enough personal savings to support yourself in the UK for example bank statements**  **Proof of your relationship with your partner or children** **if they’re applying with you. Your partner or children** **will need to apply separately.**  **Your tuberculosis test results if you’re from a listed country** (<https://www.gov.uk/tb-test-visa/countrieswhere-you-need-a-tb-test-to-enter-the-uk> )  **A criminal record certificate - if you’re working in certain jobs**  Check how to apply for criminal records checks (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criminalrecords-checks-for-overseas-applicants>)  **Your UK PhD certificate or your unique UK NARIC reference number if your qualification is from outside the UK - you’ll need to apply for this through the UK NARIC Visas and Nationality**  **Service** (<https://www.naric.org.uk/Qualifications/VAN/Default.aspx> )  *You’ll need a blank page in your passport for your visa if you’re:*  **From outside the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein**  **If your documents are not in English or Welsh you’ll also need to provide a certified translation**  (<https://www.gov.uk/certifying-a-document> ). |
| **If you’ve lived in more than one country**  *You might need to provide a certificate from each country you’ve lived in, depending on your age and how long you stayed in each country.*  **If you’re under 28, you’ll need a certificate from any country you’ve stayed in for a total of 12 months or more since you turned 18.**  **If you’re 28 or over, you’ll need a certificate from any country you’ve stayed in over the last 10 years.** |
| **Proving your identity and providing supporting documents**  *As part of your application, you’ll need to prove your identity. How you do this depends on where you’re from and what type of passport you have.*  *You’ll either:*  **Have your fingerprints and photograph taken at a visa application centre** (<https://www.gov.uk/find-avisa-application-centre> ) **- this is to get a biometric residence permit** (<https://www.gov.uk/biometricresidence-permits> )  **Use the ‘UK Immigration: ID Check’ app to scan your identity document - you’ll also create or sign into your UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) account**  *You’ll be told what you need to do when you apply.*  *If you do need an appointment:*  **The centre may need to keep your passport and documents while they process your application**  **You may have to travel to get to your nearest visa application centre (this could be in another country)** |
| **Apply for a Health and Care Worker visa**  Apply for a Skilled Worker visa. You’ll be asked if you’re applying for a Health and Care Worker visa as part of your application - ***make sure you choose ‘yes’.***  Once you’ve started your application, you can save your form and complete it later.  **How to apply**  *You must apply online.*  Outside the UK and are coming to the UK [GOV.UK - The best place to find government services and information (apply-to-visit-or-stay-in-the-uk.homeoffice.gov.uk)](https://apply-to-visit-or-stay-in-the-uk.homeoffice.gov.uk/sort/live-in-crown-dependency/skilled_worker_out_uk?uid=70aa1f40-fe98-43bb-b1f0-0268a68798b6) |

**Your partner and children**

*Your partner and children can apply to join you or to stay in the UK as your ‘dependants’ if they’re eligible. If their application is successful, their visa will end on the same date as yours.*

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| **Your relationship**  *A dependant partner or child is any of the following:*  **Your husband, wife, civil partner or unmarried partner**  **Your child under 18 - including if they were born in the UK during your stay**  **Your child over 18 if they’re currently in the UK as your dependant**  **You’ll need to provide evidence of your relationship when you apply.** |
| **Your partner**  *You must be able to prove that* ***either****:*  **You’re in a civil partnership or marriage that’s recognised in the UK**  **You’ve been living together in a relationship for at least 2 years when you apply** |
| **Money they need to support themselves**  *Your partner and children must have a certain amount of money available to support themselves while they’re in the UK.*  *You - or your partner or child - will need:*  **£285 for your partner**  **£315 for one child**  **£200 for each additional child**  *Example*  You - or your partner or child - would need to have £600 to bring your partner and one child with you to the UK (£285 for your partner and £315 for your child).  You would also need to have £1,270 available to support yourself for your own application.  You - or your partner or child - will need to have had the money available for at least 28 days in a row. Day 28 must be within 31 days of you or them applying for this visa.  You’ll usually need to show proof of this when they apply (<https://www.gov.uk/health-care-workervisa/documents-you-must-provide> ) |
| **Apply from outside the UK**  *Your partner and children must either:*  **Apply online as your partner** (<https://apply-to-visit-or-stay-in-theuk.homeoffice.gov.uk/sort/start/pbs_dependant_partner_out_uk> )  **Apply online as your child** (<https://apply-to-visit-or-stay-in-theuk.homeoffice.gov.uk/sort/start/pbs_dependant_child_out_uk> )  *Each family member will need to complete a separate application and pay the application fee. The fee depends on whether they’ll be in the UK for:*  **Up to 3 years - £232 per person**  **More than 3 years - £464 per person**  They’ll also need your application number - you’ll get this when you apply. This number is called a Global Web Form (GWF) or a Unique Application Number (UAN). You’ll find it on emails and letters from the Home Office about your application. |
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