

Visa application checklist

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Please make sure you have the following documents ready before applying for your visa:

Certificate of sponsorship (COS) reference number Guidance: Your reference number can be found on your COS document	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proof of your United Kingdom Visas and Immigration (UKVI) IELTS or OET certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>
A bank statement or letter that shows you have enough personal savings Guidance: Your certificate of sponsorship will show your sponsor will confirm your maintenance therefore you may not be required to provide proof of your personal savings. If you are unsure, a member of the NHS Professionals International recruitment team can support you with this	<input type="checkbox"/>
A current passport, valid for more than six months from the date of your travel to the UK Guidance <ul style="list-style-type: none">You will need a blank page in your passport, on both sides, to apply for your visaIf your current passport has recently been issued, you may need to provide any expired passports or travel documents to show your travel history	<input type="checkbox"/>
International Organisation for Migration (IOM) certificate Guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">If you are applying for a visa from a listed country (as defined by the World Health Organisation) you will need to provide your tuberculosis test results. This is called your International Organisation for Migration (IOM) certificateFor more information on this, please visit www.gov.uk/tb-test-visa/	<input type="checkbox"/>
A criminal record certificate for every country you have lived or worked in for 12 months over the past ten years, since the age of 18 years old Guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">If you have lived in the UK for more than three months at the time of your application, you will need to provide a UK Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proof of passing your Competency Based Test (CBT) Guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">You can gain a screenshot of this from your NMC portal or Pearson Vue portal	<input type="checkbox"/>

Once you have the above documents, you will need to make a visa appointment and set-up an account here www.gov.uk/apply-uk-visa

It's important to take note of the next steps and key considerations:

- The visa you are applying for is the Health and Care Worker visa, which is part of the UKVI Tier 2 skilled worker visa. Your application is for a standard 'defined skilled worker'
- It can take, on average, 15 working days for you to receive your visa from the appointment date. Any priority visa applications will need Trust approval, so please do not process a priority visa application unless you have permission to do so
- NHS Trusts usually only reimburse a standard visa appointment. Please refer to your Trust offer letter for details of your relocation package
- The UKVI will email you when your passport and entry clearance visa is ready for collection from your local VFS office. On receipt, please send a copy of your entry clearance visa to your NHS Professionals International Recruitment Adviser, along with your preferred departure airport
- When everything is completed and confirmed, our recruitment team will start looking at suitable flight options for you