

FUNDING EVIDENCE PROOF OF SELF-SUPPORTING STATUS (students under 25)

What we can accept



Wedding/Civil Partnership certificate

Please provide a full scan of your wedding/civil partnership certificate.



Legal documents

Documents detailing that you have no living parents. This can include: full scans of a death certificate, legal documents or letter from a professional source confirming the situation.



Your child's/children's birth certificate

To prove you have a child dependent on you please provide:

- Full birth certificate
- Current Child Tax Credits notice
- Child Benefit award - naming your child



Rental/Tenancy Agreement

To prove you have had an established home of your own for at least three years please provide:

- Rental/tenancy agreement
- Letter from housing association/housing office
- Housing benefit award letter
- Council Tax Notice showing liability for Council Tax.

All should cover at least a three year period.



Legal documents proving you are estranged from your parents

This can be a letter from a professional source stating that the student is irretrievably/irrevocably separated, e.g. social work, council, care worker, housing officer, GP.



Other formal documentation

Formal documentation showing that you have supported yourself outside of full-time education for a cumulative period of three years (does not have to be consecutive) from a combination of:

Earnings, benefits, being a primary carer, being supported by a spouse or partner, being in care.

This can include: P60s, P45s, a letter from HMRC detailing employment and earnings history, benefit award letters, a letter or proforma from the DWP detailing claim history, government training programme contract, Carers Allowance paperwork or letter from an official source confirming the student's carer status.

This can also be proven if:

You have supported yourself for a cumulative period of three years from a combination of earnings, benefits, being a primary carer, being supported by a spouse or partner, being in care – need formal documentation adding up to three years (does not have to be consecutive). For example, P60s, P45s, a letter from HMRC detailing employment and earnings history, benefit award letters, a letter or pro-forma from the DWP detailing claim history, government training programme contract, Carers Allowance paperwork or letter from an official source confirming the student's carer status.

Common errors



Letters from family member or friend

Letters from family members or friends cannot be accepted.



Documents that do not cover a full three years of self-support and/or cover periods when in full-time education.

If you only provide a recent document where evidence covering three years is required.



AT5 Form



Rental/Tenancy Agreement you are not named on

You are not considered self-supporting if:

Your income has not been significant, i.e. has been below income support levels (i.e. having a part-time job of five hours per week for three years does not count as self-supporting).

For the future you want

Funding eligibility is dependent on individual circumstances.

For more information please contact Student Funding.

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