Tier 4 Dependant Entry Clearance Guidance

Who can apply?

You can be the dependant of a Tier 4 (General) Student who holds (or is applying for) a Tier 4 (General) Student visa for a course of study at post-graduate level for 12 months or longer. For government sponsored students the minimum required course duration is reduced to 6 months.

You must be related in one of the following ways:
- Husband /wife or civil partner
- Partner (and have been living together for a minimum of two years)
- Child under 18 (both parents must be coming to the UK except in exceptional circumstances)

What are the requirements?

- you must intend to live with the Tier 4 (General) Student throughout your stay in the UK
- you must not intend to stay in the UK beyond any period of leave granted to the Tier 4 (General) Student
- the relationship must be subsisting at the time of the application
- you must have sufficient funds (see financial evidence)

When to apply

You can apply at the same time as the Tier 4 (General) Student or once they have received their visa. If you apply afterwards, you should submit a copy of their visa.

How much does it cost?

The application fee is £335 in the local currency. You must also pay the Immigration Health Surcharge of £150 per year of leave granted.

Where to apply

You can apply in your country of nationality or a country where you have immigration permission other than as a tourist. The application is made online. When asked to ‘Select Visa Type’ you should enter:

- Reason for Visit = Study
- Visa Type = PBS Tier 4 Student
- Visa Sub Type = Tier 4 (General) Dependant Partner or Tier 4 (General) Dependant Child

As part of the application, you make an appointment at a Visa Application Centre which you will attend with your supporting documents.
Supporting documents (all documents must be originals unless stated otherwise)

- Passport photograph
- Passport and previous passports
- TB test certificate (if applicable – check if you need this [here])
- Copy of main applicant’s Tier 4 visa (if applying separately)
- If you are applying as the dependant of a government sponsored student on a Masters course between 6 and 12 months in duration or an undergraduate course of more than 6 months, you should provide evidence of their government sponsorship.
- Financial evidence – each dependant must demonstrate £680 for each month of leave granted to the main applicant (up to a maximum of 9 months). You can use a bank statement or letter from the bank to fulfil this requirement. The money can be in your name or the name of the main applicant. The bank statement/letter must show that you (or the main applicant) have held the required money for a consecutive 28 day period (finishing on the date of the closing balance) ending no more than 31 days before your application. If the main applicant has official financial sponsorship which covers the living costs of any dependants, a letter from the sponsor confirming this can be submitted to fulfil the financial requirements. The letter would need to confirm the amount they are providing to cover the living costs for any dependants. If it does not cover the full amount required, you will also need to provide financial documentation to cover the remaining amount as outlined above.
- Evidence of relationship to main applicant
  - **If you are the husband/wife or civil partner of the Tier 4 (General) Student** you should provide your marriage certificate (or civil partnership certificate). If you have recently married or been married for some time but have not been living together, it may be advisable to provide additional evidence. Please contact the [International Student Team](#) for further guidance.
  - **If you are the unmarried partner of the Tier 4 (General) Student** you should provide evidence that you have been living together in a relationship similar to marriage for at least two years (e.g. joint bank statements, council tax bills, utility bills, medical registration, tenancy agreement). Your documents should cover the whole of this two year period.
  - **If you are the child of the Tier 4 (General) Student** you should provide your birth certificate showing the names of your parents. If your other parent is not applying at the same time, you should provide evidence of their UK immigration permission (a visitor visa is not sufficient).
- Official certified translations (if any of your documents are not in English)

You are advised to read the information on the [Home Office website](#) and the [PBS (Dependant) – Policy Guidance](#)