

## RIGHT OF ABODE CHECK LIST

**WARNING: IF YOU HOLD A VALID BRITISH PASSPORT YOU DO NOT QUALIFY FOR ISSUE OF A CERTIFICATE OF ENTITLEMENT TO THE RIGHT OF ABODE**

VISA APPLICATIONS ARE ASSESSED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THE APPLICATION FORM AND DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT APPLYING FOR A VISA GO TO [www.vfs-uk-ug.com](http://www.vfs-uk-ug.com) AND [www.ukvisas.gov.uk](http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk). IN ORDER TO ASSESS YOUR VISA APPLICATION, YOU ARE ADVISED TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS YOU CONSIDER RELEVANT TO YOUR APPLICATION.

YOU ARE ADVISED TO SUBMIT ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS, ACCOMPANIED BY PHOTOCOPIES.

VFS WILL ONLY ADVISE ABOUT DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS.

ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS MAY BE RETAINED BY THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION, IF YOU DO NOT SUBMIT COPIES.

Completed VAF in BLACK INK		Appropriate passport sized picture	
Valid Passport (at least 6 months validity)		Photocopy of passport data page	

**NB** You MUST show through documentation your claim to Right of Abode. This must be illustrated in chronological order. Any guidance you require may be obtained through the UK visas Right of Abode guidance leaflet (INF12) and on websites as advertised

**NB** If you have ever renounced your British citizenship you must provide form RN1 (applicant's copy) of the declaration of renunciation

The following checklist must be ticked to show the basis of your application and the documents indicated against that criteria must be submitted.

Tick	BASIS OF APPLICATION	DOCUMENTS TO BE PROVIDED	Tick	
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	Applicant was born in the United Kingdom before 1st January 1983	Applicant's full birth certificate, showing parent' details		
	Applicant was born in the United Kingdom or the Falkland Islands on or after 1st January 1983, or in another qualifying British overseas territory on or after 21st May 2002	Applicant's full birth certificate, showing parents' details; Evidence of either parent's British citizenship or settled status at time of applicant's birth, e.g. a passport describing the relevant parent as a British citizen or indicating that he or she then had indefinite leave to remain; and Parents' marriage certificate (if claiming through father)		
	Applicant was adopted in the United Kingdom, a qualifying British overseas territory, or otherwise under the terms of the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoptions (a)	Applicant's adoption certificate; and Evidence of adoptive parents' citizenship and, if a Convention adoption, of their place of habitual residence at the time of the adoption, e.g. in respect of citizenship, a passport, and in respect of habitual residence at the time of the Convention adoption, the adoption certificate		
	Applicant was registered or naturalised as a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies in the United Kingdom before 1st January 1983	Applicant's registration or naturalisation certificate		
	Applicant was registered or naturalised as a British citizen on or after 1st January 1983	Applicant's registration or naturalisation certificate		
	Applicant was a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies and had a parent who was born, adopted, registered or naturalised in the United Kingdom prior to the applicant's birth/adoption	Applicant's full birth certificate or adoption certificate; Parents' marriage certificate (if claiming through father); and Parent's full birth certificate, adoption, registration or naturalisation certificate		
	Applicant was born outside the United Kingdom and the Falkland Islands on or after 1st January 1983, or outside the United Kingdom and any qualifying British overseas territory on or after 21st May 2002, to a parent born in the United Kingdom or the Falkland Islands (or, on/after 21st May 2002, any qualifying British overseas territory) or to a parent registered or naturalised in the United Kingdom prior to the applicant's birth	Applicant's full birth certificate showing parents' details; Parents' marriage certificate (if claiming through father); and Parents' full birth certificate, registration or naturalisation certificate		
	Applicant was a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies and had a grandparent born, adopted, registered or naturalised in the United Kingdom before the applicant's parent's birth/adoption	Parents' marriage certificate (if claiming through father); and Parent's full birth certificate or adoption certificate Applicant's full birth certificate or adoption certificate; Grandparents' marriage certificate (if claiming through grandfather); and Grandparent's full birth certificate, adoption, registration or naturalisation certificate		
	Applicant was a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies and was ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom for a continuous period of 5 years before 1st January 1983 and was settled in the United Kingdom at the end of that period	Evidence of citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies, e.g. a passport or certificate of naturalisation or registration; and Evidence of settlement and 5 years' ordinary residence in the UK before 1983, e.g. passport, P60s, details of National Insurance contributions, DSS claims, employers' letters		

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	Applicant is a Commonwealth (not British) citizen born before 1st January 1983 to a parent who was born in the United Kingdom	Applicant's full birth certificate showing parents' details; and Parent's full UK birth certificate		
	Applicant is a female Commonwealth citizen who was married before 1st January 1983 to a man with right of abode in the United Kingdom	Applicant's marriage certificate; and Evidence of applicant's husband's right of abode, eg passport or UK birth certificate		
	Applicant was born outside the United Kingdom and the Falkland Islands on or after 1st January 1983, or outside the United Kingdom and any qualifying British Overseas territory on or after 21st May 2002, to a parent who, at the time of the birth, was a British citizen in service to which section 2(1)(b) of the British nationality Act 1981 applies	Applicant's full birth certificate; Parents' marriage certificate (if claiming through father); and Evidence of parent' relevant employment at the time of the birth, e.g. a letter from the employer		

**Declaration:**

The British High Commission checks for forged documents submitted with all applications. I, \_\_\_\_\_ am aware that I need to provide sufficient evidence in support of my application for a Certificate of Entitlement to the Right of Abode and that failure to do so, may result in my application being refused. I am also aware that BHC will make enquiries with relevant institutions who will release personal information and I agree to the release of such information. In addition, I am aware that should I submit non-genuine documents or make false representations, my application will be refused.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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