

The Maintenance Requirement

Under the new Points Based Immigration System, migrants are required to prove that they will be able to support themselves financially for the duration of their stay in the UK without use of public funds. Migrants will be advised, on appointment, that they should not claim state benefits during their employment. For more information on state benefits please see the document [‘What is meant by ‘No Recourse to Public Funds’?’](#)

Migrants will need to prove that they have available funds of at least £800. This is to ensure that they can support themselves financially for their first month in the UK. If it is their intention for dependents to join them, then they must also prove that there are sufficient funds for them.

When applying for the Certificate of Sponsorship, Human Resources requires migrants to provide evidence to support personal savings of £800 for at least three months. Evidences can be a copy of bank or building society statements or passbook for the previous 3 month period or a letter from their bank to confirm funds. When applying for entry clearance or leave to remain in the UK the migrant will have to provide the original documents for the Home Office.

Transitional Arrangements

Migrants who are already in the UK under the old work permit system or request extension under Tier 2 of the Points Based System, will not need to provide evidence and will automatically meet the English language requirements.

However, any dependents of the migrant will still need to meet the maintenance requirement. Evidence of this will be required at the point of transferring to the new points based arrangements. Migrants should be aware that they will be required to submit evidence (e.g. bank statements) to prove the required amounts for at least three months prior to application.