

Guidance where a British National does not have a valid passport, as per Schedule 3 of the Registration of Marriages Regulations 2015

For someone who was born in the United Kingdom the following documentation is required if they do not hold a valid UK passport:-

Born before 1st January 1983

- The person's UK birth certificate; and
- One of the following documents:-
 - (a) utility bill dated no more than three months before the date on which it is provided;
 - (b) bank or building society statement or passbook dated no more than one month before the date on which it is provided;
 - (c) council tax bill dated no more than 12 months before the date on which it is provided;
 - (d) mortgage statement dated no more than 12 months before the date on which it is provided;
 - (e) current residential tenancy agreement;
 - (f) valid driving licence in the name of the person applying to be married

Born on or after 1st January 1983 but before 1st July 2006

- The person's full UK birth certificate showing the person's parents' (or, as the case may be, parent's), details; and
- One of the following documents:-
 - (a) utility bill dated no more than three months before the date on which it is provided;
 - (b) bank or building society statement or passbook dated no more than one month before the date on which it is provided;
 - (c) council tax bill dated no more than 12 months before the date on which it is provided;
 - (d) mortgage statement dated no more than 12 months before the date on which it is provided;
 - (e) current residential tenancy agreement;
 - (f) valid driving licence in the name of the person applying to be married; and
- For either of the parents named on the birth certificate, evidence of either of their British citizenship or settled status at the time of the person'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 enter or remain, or a UK birth certificate). For specific information please check here <https://www.gov.uk/check-british-citizenship>; and
- If British citizenship is claimed through the person's father, the marriage certificate showing that he was married to the person's mother at the time of their birth

- **Born on or after 1st July 2006**

- The person's full birth certificate showing the parents' (or, as the case may be, parent's) details; and
- One of the following documents:-
 - (a) utility bill dated no more than three months before the date on which it is provided;
 - (b) bank or building society statement or passbook dated no more than one month before the date on which it is provided;
 - (c) council tax bill dated no more than 12 months before the date on which it is provided;
 - (d) mortgage statement dated no more than 12 months before the date on which it is provided;
 - (e) current residential tenancy agreement;
 - (f) valid driving licence in the name of the person applying to be married; and
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NB: In relation to items (a) to (f), a mortgage statement or valid driving licence are documents which are most likely to match the names on a birth certificate so we would recommend seeing one of those, in the first instance, together with the person's full birth certificate and evidence of their parents' British citizenship. If the person has changed their name such that it does not match that on their birth certificate, they should demonstrate through deed poll(s) or previous marriage certificate(s) how their name has changed.

If you are in any doubt as to whether the person is a relevant national for the purposes of marriage by banns or common licence please contact the Registry for advice

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