

List of documents for Spouse Visa – Financial Requirement As A Sole Trader

Please see the list of documents you need to provide:

1. Copy of your passport
2. Copy of your national identity card
3. Details of your parents and travel history
4. Copy of your partner's passport and proof of immigration status
5. Copy of your partner's proof of address
6. Accommodation documents for where you will live in the UK
7. A1 English language test (if applicable)
8. TB Test (if applicable)
9. Marriage certificate and pictures together

Financial documents:

In respect of self-employment in the UK as a partner, as a sole trader, or in a franchise, all of the following must be provided:

- evidence of the amount of tax payable, paid, and unpaid for the last full financial year
- the following documents for the last full financial year, or for the last 2 such years (where those documents show the necessary level of gross profit as an average of those 2 years):
 - annual self-assessment tax return to HMRC (a copy or print-out); or statement of account (SA300 or SA302)
 - proof of registration with HMRC as self-employed if available
 - each partner's Unique Tax Reference Number (UTR) and/or the UTR of the partnership or business
 - where the person holds or held a separate business bank account or accounts, bank statements for the same 12-month period as the tax return or returns
 - personal bank statements for the same 12-month period as the tax return or returns showing that the income from self-employment has been paid into an account in the name of the person or in the name of the person and their partner jointly

Evidence of ongoing self-employment through the provision of at least one of the following:

- a bank statement dated no more than 3 months earlier than the date of application showing transactions relating to ongoing trading, or
- evidence dated no more than 3 months earlier than the date of application of the renewal of a licence to trade or of ongoing payment of business rates, business-related insurance premiums, employer National Insurance contributions or franchise payments to the parent company.

One of the following documents must also be submitted:

- if the business is required to produce annual audited accounts, such accounts for the last full financial year
- if the business is not required to produce annual audited accounts, unaudited accounts for the last full financial year and an accountant's certificate of confirmation, from an accountant who is a member of a UK Recognised Supervisory Body (as defined in the Companies Act 2006) or who is a member of the Institute of Financial Accountants, The Association of Authorised Public Accountants, The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, the Association of International Accountants and The Association of Accounting Technicians
- a certificate of VAT registration and the VAT return for the last full financial year (a copy or print-out) confirming the VAT registration number, if turnover is in excess of £85,000 or was in excess of the threshold which applied during the last full financial year
- evidence to show appropriate planning permission or local planning authority consent is held to operate the type/class of business at the trading address (where this is a local authority requirement)
- a franchise agreement signed by both parties
- the document referred to in paragraph 7(h)(iv) must be provided if the organisation is a franchise

All the documents must be in English. If they are not in English, then they need to be translated by a certified translator.

This is not a comprehensive list of documents. If you need a comprehensive list of documents according to your immigration case, please contact us.