

UK Entry Clearances	Are You Eligible?	Valid for:	Extendable or renewable?	Extra notes on clearance types
British Passport	If you were born in the UK, or have a parent who is a British citizen, you may be eligible for a British Passport. Check with the British High Commission in your country.	A British passport is usually issued for 10 years	Yes	No employment restrictions
EEA/EU Passport Swiss Passport	If you have a parent who is a national of an EEA/EU member state you may be eligible for citizenship. Check with the specific Embassy.	The period for which an EEA/EU passport is granted varies from state to state	Yes	No restriction of employment. Nationals of Bulgaria & Rumania check with British High Commission first.
Right of Abode Certificate of Entitlement	You were a Commonwealth citizen before 01 Jan 1983, and your parent was a citizen of the UK at the time of your birth	Indefinite		No restriction on employment
Ancestry Visa	You have a grandparent who was born in the UK, Channel Isles, Isle of Man or Eire prior to 31 st March 1922	5 Years	Yes, to Indefinite Leave to Remain	No restriction on employment
Highly Skilled Migrant Programme	A points-based immigration programme for people with exceptional skills. Specific points' requirements must be met in order to be granted entry to the UK as a highly skilled worker.	2 Years	Yes	No restriction on employment
Student	You must have been accepted on a full-time study course (at least 15 hours of daytime study per week) at an education institution which is on the DFES Register of Providers.	The duration of your course	Work is restricted to 20 hours per week	You must be attending your course; if you defer your course your visa becomes invalid
Work Permit	This may be granted in high-demand areas such as teaching. It is for a specific job in a specific school for a specific period of time. The school is responsible for the Work Permit.	The length of the job, up to 4 years	Yes, but only if you are staying in the same job with the same employer	If you leave the job for which the permit has been issued, your WP becomes invalid. A new job with a new work permit must be obtained if you wish to remain in the UK
Spouse; civil partner or same-sex partner	All of the above categories of entry have provisions for spouses (married, civil partnership, unmarried, same-sex) to join the applicant in the UK.	For the duration of the visa which is issued to the primary applicant.	Yes, if the spouse's entry visa is extended.	No restriction on employment.
Working Holidaymaker	You are a commonwealth citizen aged between 17 & 30, single or unmarried/civil partnered to someone who also qualifies for a Working Holidaymaker Visa and with whom you intend to travel.	Up to 2 years	No	Employment is restricted to 365 days in the two-year period; no provision for a spouse to accompany a WHMV holder.