

List of acceptable documents for right to rent checks

The documents that are considered acceptable for establishing a statutory excuse when conducting a manual right to rent check are set out in two lists, List A and List B.

Where a right to rent check has been conducted using the Home Office online service, the information is provided in real-time, directly from Home Office systems and there is no requirement to see any or a combination of any of the documents listed below.

List A contains the range of documents which may be accepted for checking purposes for a person who has a permanent right to rent in the UK (including British and Irish citizens). If landlords carry out the prescribed checks, they will establish a continuous statutory excuse for the duration of that person's tenancy. The landlord is required to check one document from List A (Group 1) or two documents from List A (Group 2).

List B contains the range of documents which may be accepted for checking purposes for a person who has a time-limited right to rent in England. If landlords carry out the prescribed checks, they will establish a time-limited statutory excuse. Landlords will be required to carry out a follow-up check as set out below.

Examples of the documents, how to check them and how to copy them can be found in the [Right to Rent Checks: A user guide for tenants and landlords](#).

List A – acceptable documents to establish a continuous statutory excuse

If a prospective tenant can produce either **one** document from group 1 or **two** documents from group 2 then they will not require a follow-up check.

List A Group 1 – If a prospective tenant can produce one document from this group then a continuous statutory excuse will be established

1. A passport (current or expired) showing that the holder is a British citizen, or a citizen of the UK and Colonies having the 'right of abode' in the UK.
2. A passport or passport card (in either case, whether current or expired) showing that the holder is an Irish citizen.
3. A document issued by the Bailiwick of Jersey, the Bailiwick of Guernsey or the Isle of Man, which has been verified as valid by the Home Office Landlord Checking Service, showing that the holder has been granted unlimited leave to enter or remain under

Appendix EU(J) to the Jersey Immigration Rules, Appendix EU to the Immigration (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Rules 2008 or Appendix EU to the Isle of Man Immigration Rules.

4. A passport or other travel document (in either case, whether current or expired) endorsed to show that the holder is exempt from immigration control, is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, has the right of abode in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
5. An immigration status document (current or expired) containing a photograph issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the person named in it is allowed to stay in the UK indefinitely or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
6. A certificate of registration or naturalisation as a British citizen.

² Definition includes a full birth certificate issued by a UK diplomatic mission (British Embassy or British High Commission)

³ See Annex A for the full list of acceptable professional persons.

