UK documents: Partner / child joining a visa holder

11 documents, rules in force October 2026. Apply online on GOV.UK and give biometrics at VFS Global in India. Items marked in orange apply only in that situation.

Identity and application

- [ ] **Valid passport with a blank page**
  Plus any previous passports if your travel history is asked for.
- [ ] **Online application on GOV.UK**
  Apply and pay online, then book biometrics (photo and fingerprints) at a VFS Global visa application centre in India.
- [ ] **Visa fee and Immigration Health Surcharge paid**
  Paid online during the application (the Health and Care visa has no surcharge).

Job, course or status

- [ ] **Main applicant's visa details**
  Their GWF / application reference or eVisa share code, and proof of your relationship.

Money and health

- [ ] **TB test certificate**
  From a Home Office-approved clinic in India, for stays over 6 months. Valid for 6 months.
- [ ] **Funds for dependants: £285 partner, £315 first child, £200 each further child** IF YOUR PARTNER COMES
  Held for 28 days, unless the main applicant has been in the UK 12 months or the sponsor certifies.

Family

- [ ] **Marriage certificate, or proof of 2 years living together** IF YOUR PARTNER COMES
  For unmarried partners: joint bills, tenancy, bank statements over 2 years.
- [ ] **Children's birth certificates naming the parents** IF CHILDREN COME
  For each child under 18.
- [ ] **Consent of the other parent** IF CHILDREN COME
  If only one parent is in or coming to the UK, or a letter showing sole responsibility.

Before you submit

- [ ] **Certified translations of documents not in English or Welsh**
  Each translation must confirm it is accurate and show the translator's details and date.
- [ ] **Upload scans or bring documents as the application asks**
  Most applications ask you to upload documents online before or after the biometrics appointment.

> Documents not in English or Welsh need a certified translation. Your permission will be an eVisa in your UKVI account. Check the current GOV.UK guidance before you apply.

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