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### \*\*\*SETTLEMENT VISA: REQUIREMENTS\*\*\*

**Please Note:** this is a general list of supporting documents required to be submitted with your visa application. You may be asked to provide additional documentation by the UK Consulate upon review of your application.

- 1. Passport:** You must send your physical passport- copies cannot be used for visa issuance. Your signed passport must be valid and contain sufficient blank visa pages- visa stamps are affixed to the blank visa pages in your passport. Amendment pages (clearly marked as such) in the back of your passport are not acceptable for visa issuance.
- 2. Two passport photographs:** Photographs must be full face, front view on a plain white or off-white background
- 3. Travel Itinerary:** A computer generated travel itinerary from your airline or a travel agency indicating the dates of entry and exit from the United Kingdom. Your name must be on the itinerary. (We recommend that you do NOT purchase a ticket, before the visa is issued).
- 4. US Visa Status:** Original (copies are not accepted) proof of your legal US immigration status: **(US citizens- please ignore this requirement as it does not apply to you.)**
  - \* Permanent Resident Card
  - \* Advance Parole Document
  - \* Valid DS 2019 (Formerly IAP66)
  - \* Valid I-94 Arrival / Departure Record
  - \* Valid US visa (e.g., H1B, F1)
  - \* Employment Authorization Card
  - \* Valid I-20 (signed by school official)
- 5. Evidence of funds:** Original checking account statement. Please send the last two (2) months statements (that are mailed to your home), along with a copy of each to be submitted as proof of financial ability. If someone other than the applicant is sponsoring the trip, then please submit an ORIGINAL support/explanation letter from the sponsor along with their ORIGINAL checking account statements, along with a copy of each. Savings account statements are not accepted, as the UK deems the money not immediately available.

You may also send the last two (2) months of pay stubs plus a copy of each.

- 6. Lease / Tenant Agreement:** Please send a copy of the lease or agreement.
- 7. Visa Application:** Please be sure to sign the visa application.
- 8. Biometric Fingerprinting Receipt**

**Please see page 2 for specific guidelines based on your reason of settlement:**

- Husbands, Wives and Partners
- Family Members
- Adopted Children

### **Husbands, Wives and Partners:**

You should include all the documents you can to show that you qualify for entry as a husband, wife, civil partner, fiancé, fiancée, proposed civil partner, or unmarried or same-sex partner. If you do not, the UK Consulate may refuse the application.

As a guide, you should include the following:

- Letter of support from the spouse in UK, stating support of the application and intention to live together.
- Your original birth certificate.
- Your original marriage certificate (if you are married) or your original civil partnership certificate (if you have registered a civil partnership).
- Recent bank statements or savings books for your sponsor and evidence of your sponsor's employment in the UK, which could include pay stubs to show what financial support you have.
- Evidence of your accommodation, such as a mortgage agreement or rental agreement, and evidence that you and your dependants can stay in this accommodation if it is rented or provided by your local authority.
- Letters from you and your sponsor that are relevant to your application.
- If you have been married or in a civil partnership before, one of the following original documents:
  - A divorce certificate
  - A final dissolution order, or
  - Your or your sponsor's previous husband's, wife's or civil partner's death certificate
- Evidence that your sponsor is settled in the UK. (This can be a copy of their passport or registration certificate that has been confirmed as a true copy, in other words 'certified').

### **Family Members:**

You should include all the documents you can to show that you qualify for entry to the UK to live with relatives. If you do not, we the UK Consulate may refuse the application.

As a guide, you should include the following:

- Your original birth certificate (if applying to join your parents in the UK).
- Evidence that your sponsor (the relative you are applying to join) is settled in the UK, such as a certified copy of their passport or registration certificate.
- Recent bank statements or savings books for your sponsor and evidence of your sponsor's employment in the UK, which could include pay stubs to show what financial support you have.
- Evidence of your accommodation, such as a mortgage agreement or rental agreement, and evidence that you and your dependants can stay in this accommodation if it is rented or provided by your local authority.
- If you are applying as the parent, grandparent or other dependant relative of someone already present and settled (see the next section) in the UK, you should ask your sponsor to fill in a sponsorship undertaking form below and include this with your application. By signing the undertaking form, your sponsor confirms that they will be responsible for your living expenses and accommodation during your stay in the UK, and won't need any support from public funds.

### **Adopted Children:**

You should include all the documents you can to show that the child qualifies for entry to the UK as your adopted child. If you do not, the UK Consulate may refuse the application.

As a guide, you should include the following:

- The child's original birth certificate, showing its name at birth.
- A report from the overseas equivalent of the UK's Social Services Department giving the child's full history and how the adoption came about, or, if the child is related to you, a full statement in writing from you as the adoptive parent.
- A certificate of abandonment from the authorities previously responsible for the child, if the child has been abandoned.
- The adoption order.