

Tier 5 (Youth Mobility Scheme) visa

You can apply for a Tier 5 (Youth Mobility Scheme) visa if you:

- want to live and work in the UK for up to 2 years
- are aged 18 to 30
- have £1,890 in savings
- have certain types of British Nationality or are from [certain countries](#)
- meet the other [eligibility requirements](#)

You need to be [sponsored](#) if you're from Hong Kong or the Republic of Korea.

How long it will take

The earliest you can apply for a visa is 6 months before you travel.

Example You can apply from 16 March if you plan to travel on 15 September.

You should get a decision on your visa within 3 weeks.

You can check the [guide processing times](#) to find out how long getting a visa might take in your country.

Fees

It costs £235 to apply.

You'll also have [to pay the healthcare surcharge](#) as part of your application. Check how much you'll have to pay [before you apply](#).

How long you can stay

You'll be given a visa to live and work in the UK for up to 24 months.

You can enter the UK at any time while your visa is valid, and leave and come back at any time during your stay.

If you turn 31 while you're in the UK, you can stay for as long as your visa is valid.

What you can and can't do

You can:

- study - for some courses you'll need an [Academic Technology Approval Scheme certificate](#)
- work in most jobs
- be self-employed and set up a company - as long as your premises are rented, your equipment isn't worth more than £5,000 and you don't have any employees

You can't:

- work as a professional sportsperson (for example as a coach), doctor or dentist in training - unless you can show you qualified in the UK
- extend your stay
- get [public funds](#)
- bring in family members on your application - they must apply separately

2. Eligibility

You can apply for a Tier 5 (Youth Mobility Scheme) visa if you're aged 18 to 30 and you're from:

- Australia
- Canada
- Japan

- Monaco
- New Zealand
- Hong Kong
- Republic of Korea
- Taiwan

You can also apply if you're 18 to 30 and a:

- [British overseas citizen](#)
- [British overseas territories citizen](#)
- [British national \(overseas\)](#)

You can't apply if you have:

- children who live with you
- children you're financially responsible for
- already been in the UK under the scheme or in the former 'working holidaymaker' category

Money

You must have £1,890 in savings.

Sponsorship: citizens of Hong Kong and the Republic of Korea

You must get a certificate of sponsorship reference number before you apply.

A certificate of sponsorship is a unique reference number that holds information about the job you will do and your personal details. It's not a certificate or paper document.

You must apply for your visa within 3 months of receiving your certificate of sponsorship.

Get a certificate of sponsorship

Apply for a certificate of sponsorship in:

- [Hong Kong](#)
- [Republic of Korea](#)

3. Documents you must provide

When you apply you'll need to provide:

- a current passport or other valid travel ID
- a bank statement showing you have at least £1,890 in savings
- your [tuberculosis \(TB\) test results](#) if you're from a country where you have to take the test

You need a page in your passport that's blank on both sides for your visa.

You'll need to provide [a certified translation](#) of any documents that aren't in English or Welsh.

Read the guide for a [full list of documents](#) you can provide.

You may need to provide additional documents depending on your circumstances.