

## Acceptable alternative evidence to show **British** nationality if you do not hold a valid **British** passport

Were you:	For you	For your parents		For your grandparents	
		If your parents were NOT married to each other	If your parents were married to each other	If your grandparents were NOT married to each other	If your grandparents were married to each other
Born before 1 January 1983	Your full British birth certificate	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Born on or after 1 January 1983 and before 1 July 2006	Your full British birth certificate	Your mother's full British birth certificate	Their marriage certificate <b>and</b> your mother <b>or</b> father's full British birth certificate	N/A	N/A
Born on or after 1 July 2006	Your full British birth certificate	Your mother <b>or</b> father's full British birth certificate	Their marriage certificate <b>and</b> your mother <b>or</b> father's full British birth certificate	N/A	N/A
<b>IF</b> your parents were born after 1 January 1983 and before 1 July 2006	Your full British birth certificate	Your mother's full British birth certificate	Their marriage certificate <b>and</b> your mother <b>or</b> father's full British birth certificate	Your maternal* grandmother's British birth certificate	Their marriage certificate <b>and</b> maternal* <b>or</b> paternal** grandmother <b>or</b> grandfather's British birth certificate

Some people may have a certificate issued by the Secretary of State, be adopted or have a diplomat father and slightly different documents may be used. Please contact us in these circumstances.

If a mother, father or grandparent's British passport is to be provided to show nationality it must be valid (so not expired) and provide a link from your parent's birth certificates. Likewise for any name changes a link must be shown to a birth entry.

If in doubt, please contact us on 01908 372101 for clarification.

**NOTE:**

**Maternal\*** referring to mother's family

**Paternal\*\*** referring to father's family