

Right to Rent

The government introduced new 'Right to Rent' legislation in October 2015 which means that we now need to see evidence that you have the right to rent a property in the UK before we can grant you a tenancy.

You automatically have this right if you are a:

- British citizen
- Citizen of a country in the EU or EEA
- Citizen of another country with no time limits on your permission to live in the UK (such as indefinite leave to remain)

You can also qualify if you have a time-limited right to rent as long as that time limit is at least as long as the tenancy you are signing. This is likely if you are a student.

If you are a British citizen or a citizen of a country in the European Economic Area or a Swiss citizen then we will just need to see your passport at the contract signing appointment. You will also need to bring a photocopy of the page with your photograph on. This is very important as we cannot grant a tenancy without seeing your passport in your presence and taking a copy away with us. It doesn't matter if your passport has expired, it will still be valid for this purpose.

If you are a citizen of a country other than those detailed above then we will need to see either your passport or travel documentation clearly showing you have the right to stay in the UK for the length of your tenancy or a UK Immigration Status document showing your right to stay in the UK for the length of your tenancy. You will also need to bring a photocopy of these for our records.

If you are a UK citizen but you don't have a UK passport there are other documents you can use instead but please contact the office for further advice as this can be slightly more complex. Similarly if you are a citizen of another country there may be other types of documents that can be used to evidence your right to rent in the UK but you will need to contact us to discuss this.

Alternatively more information on acceptable documents for this purpose can be found at this link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/497242/Right_to_Rent_Document_Checks_-_a_User_Guide.pdf

If you do not currently have your passport or other travel documentation valid for this purpose with you in Nottingham then you will need to ask someone to send this to you in time for your contract signing appointment as we need to see it in person and you need to provide us with a photocopy. We would always recommend that this is done recorded delivery for the safety of your documents.

If you are at all unsure about this then please contact us as we cannot grant a tenancy without seeing the appropriate documentation and taking copies away with us.