

FLR(M) Checklist

Basic Requirements

- Spouse visa issued for 2 years 9 months (on 5 year route)
- Can apply 28 days before leave expires
- Will children be included?
- ESOL A2 certificate
- Meet financial requirement (unless sponsor is in receipt of DLA or PIP)
 - £18,600 per year for self
 - £22,400 per year for self and one child
 - £2,400 per year for each additional child

Cost (from April 2018)

- £1033 per person application fee plus £19.20 biometric enrolment
- £1000 per person Immigration Health Surcharge
- ESOL A2 test £150

Information needed

- Address history: dates, addresses
- Sponsor's employer and income details
- Relationship details – copied from visa application if possible

Documents needed

- Passport
- Sponsor's British passport
- Children's passports (if applicable)
- ESOL A2 certificate
- Marriage certificate
- Evidence of finances (or letter confirming DLA/PIP)
 - Pay slips 6 months **or** self-employed accounts and tax statement for 1 year
 - Bank statements for **all** bank accounts belonging to applicant and sponsor
- Six items of correspondence addressed to applicant and sponsor jointly at the same address. No more than two from any one source. Must cover the whole two and a half year period. Examples include:
 - Council tax bills
 - Tax Credit award notice
 - Utility bills: water, electricity, gas, telephone, etc
 - Joint account bank statements
- If there are not enough letters addressed to both, can also use letters or bills addressed to each party around the same time at the same address.



Secure English Language Test (SELT)

From May 2017 applicants must have passed an English test (Speaking and Listening) at level A2. This is equivalent to Entry Level 2. It must be taken at a secure testing centre and tests can only be booked online. There are now three test providers, Trinity, IELTS and LanguageCert; LanguageCert has a test centre in Southampton and IELTS has a centre at Highbury College in Portsmouth. If you need a test urgently all providers have several test centres in London which usually have test appointments at short notice.. The cost is £150 and must be paid online. The applicant will need an email address to do the online booking.

LanguageCert International ESOL A2 <https://selt.languagecert.org/>

IELTS Life Skills A2 <http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/ielts-ukvi>

Trinity GESE Grade 3 (A2) <https://seltbooking.trinitycollege.co.uk/>

Application

All applications must be made online. In order to complete and submit an online application you will need to supply all the information above and pay the fee online. If you would like to make your own application the form is at <https://www.gov.uk/uk-family-visa>

Service Centres

You need to scan and upload all documents and make an appointment at a UKVCAS Service Centre to enrol biometrics. There is a Service Centre in Southampton which costs £69.99, or a Core Service Centre in Croydon which has free appointments.

UKVCAS offer a scanning service at additional cost.

From March 2019 you can no longer enrol your biometrics at a Post Office.

Covid-19

At present (May 2020) all English language test centres and UKVCAS Service Centres are closed due to coronavirus. Applicants are advised to submit their application online and pay the health surcharge and application fee before the deadline. Applications may be submitted without the English language results or biometrics and will be held open until centres are open. Applicants will be asked to register with UKVCAS once the application is submitted and will be notified when the centres reopen.

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