

Requirements for Parental Letters

(paragraphs 167-169 of the PBS Tier 4 Guidance)

Students under 18 years old must provide a letter from their parent(s) or legal guardian when they submit their application form, confirming:

- the relationship between the parent(s) or legal guardian and the child; and
- that the parent(s) or legal guardian have given their consent to the application; and
- that the parent(s) or legal guardian agree to the child's living arrangements in the United Kingdom; and
- that the parent(s) or legal guardian agree to the arrangements made for the child's travel to and reception in the United Kingdom; and
- that the parent(s) or legal guardian support the application; and
- that the child can live and travel independently from their parent(s) or legal guardian.
- the parents have given consent to the funds being available to the student for study in the UK.

The letter should confirm if one parent or legal guardian has legal custody or sole responsibility for the child. If they have sole custody they must sign the letter. If they do not, the letter must confirm that *each* parent or legal guardian agrees to the contents of the letter and the letter must be signed by *both* parents or legal guardians.

16 and 17 year olds have the legal right to live independently in the UK and so may make their own arrangements for accommodation. If this is the case, the letter should confirm that the parent(s) or legal guardian consent to the 16 or 17 year old living independently and to their independent travel to the UK.