

# FUNDING EVIDENCE

## PROOF OF SELF-SUPPORTING STATUS (students under 25)



### What we can accept



#### Wedding/Civil Partnership certificate

Please provide a full scan of your wedding/civil partnership certificate.



#### Legal documents

Documents detailing that you have no living parents. This can include: full scans of a death certificate, legal documents or letter from a professional source confirming the situation.



#### Your child's/children's birth certificate

To prove you have a child dependent on you please provide:

- Full birth certificate
- Current Child Tax Credits notice
- Child Benefit award - naming your child



#### Rental/Tenancy Agreement

To prove you have had an established home of your own for at least three years please provide:

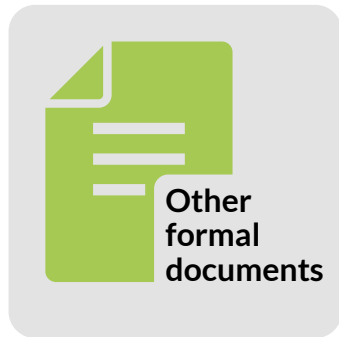
- Rental/tenancy agreement
- Letter from housing association/housing office
- Housing benefit award letter

All should cover at least a three year period.



#### Legal documents proving you are estranged from your parents

This can be a letter from a professional source stating that the student is irretrievably/irrevocably separated, e.g. social work, council, care worker, housing officer, GP.



#### Other formal documentation

Formal documentation showing that you have supported yourself outside of full-time education for a cumulative period of three years (does not have to be consecutive) from a combination of:

Earnings, benefits, being a primary carer, being supported by a spouse or partner, being in care.

This can include: P60s, P45s, a letter from the inland revenue detailing their employment and earnings history, benefit award letters, a letter or proforma from the DWP detailing their claim history, government training programme contract, Carers Allowance paperwork or letter from an official source confirming the student's carer status.

### Common errors



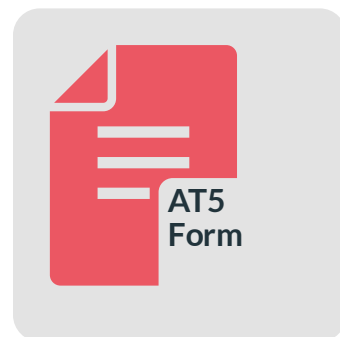
#### Letters from family member or friend

Letters from family members or friends cannot be accepted.



#### Document only detailing two years or under

If you only provide a recent document where evidence covering three years is required.



#### AT5 Form



#### Rental/Tenancy Agreement you are not named on

#### This can also be proven if:

You have supported yourself for a cumulative period of three years from a combination of earnings, benefits, being a primary carer, being supported by a spouse or partner, being in care – need formal documentation adding up to three years (does not have to be consecutive). For example, P60s, P45s, a letter from the inland revenue detailing their employment and earnings history, benefit award letters, a letter or proforma from the DWP detailing their claim history, government training programme contract, Carers Allowance paperwork or letter from an official source confirming the student's carer status.

#### You are not considered self-supporting if:

Your income has not been significant, i.e. has been below income support levels (i.e. having a part-time job of five hours per week for three years does not count as self-supporting).

Funding eligibility is dependent on individual circumstances.  
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