

Examples of acceptable countersignatures

Please note, the person who countersigns your form must:

- be a person of good standing in the community,
- have known you for more than 2 years,
- not be related to you (by birth or marriage), in a relationship with you or live at your address,
- live in the UK, and
- hold a British or Irish passport.

Please note, unless specified, a countersignature must be from a professional who is working and has not retired.

These are common examples of people you might know who can countersign your form:

- Accountant
- Bank or Building Society Official
- Chairman/Director of a limited company
- Civil servant (permanent)
- Dentist
- Director/Manager of a VAT-registered company
- Engineer (with professional qualification)
- Fire service official
- Manager/Personnel officer of a limited company
- Medical Doctor (must know applicant personally)
- Minister of a recognised religion
- Nurse (RGN and RMN or holder of a BA, BSc or Diploma in Nursing)
- Officer of the Armed Services (active or retired)
- Optician
- Pharmacist
- Police Officer
- Post Office official
- President/Secretary of a recognised organisation
- Social Worker
- Solicitor
- Teacher/Lecturer
- Vet

There are also lots of other professional people that could sign your form, for example:

- Architect
- Articled clerk of a limited company
- Barrister
- Chemist
- Chiropodist
- Christian Science practitioner
- Director/Manager of a VAT-registered charity
- Driving Instructor (approved)
- Funeral Director
- Journalist
- Justice of the Peace
- Local government officer
- Member of Parliament
- Merchant Navy officer
- Paralegal (certified paralegal, qualified paralegal or associate member of the Institute of Paralegals)
- Paramedic
- Photographer (professional)
- Personal License holder (formally known as a licensee of a public house only)
- Prison/Probation Officer
- Salvation Army Officer
- Surveyor
- Trade union officer
- Travel Agent (qualified)
- Warrant officers and Chief Petty Officers

If, after reading this information, you're still not sure if the person you found to countersign your form meets the criteria at the top of the page, please call us on 0845 300 5090.