

Making Prison Visits Safer

Visitor ID requirements have changed

As of 6th April 2021
the forms of ID that social and official visitors need to provide to enter a prison have been updated.



These requirements have changed to make visits safe and secure for everyone.

Social visitors have the option to present one photographic ID document from **List A**:

- Passports
- Identity cards from an EU or European Economic Area (EEA) country
- UK photocard driving licences
- EU or EEA driving licences
- NI Electoral identity cards
- US passport card
- Proof of age card recognised under PASS with a unique reference number (This includes the Citizen ID card)
- Armed forces identity card
- UK biometric residence permit (BRP)



Should they be unable to present an ID document from List A, they may present one ID document from **List B**, supported by one document from **List C**:

List B:

- Home Office travel document (convention travel document, stateless person's document, one-way document or certificate of travel)
- Older person's bus pass
- Freedom Pass
- Proof of age card recognised under the Proof of Age Standards Scheme (PASS) without a unique reference number (please refer to List A where a unique reference number is present)



List C:

- Birth or adoption certificate
- Education certificate from a regulated and recognised educational institution (such as an NVQ, SQA, GCSE, A level or degree certificate)
- Rental or purchase agreement for a residential property (signed and dated)
- Marriage or civil partnership certificate
- Bank, building society or credit union current account card (on which the claimed identity is shown)



When COVID-19 restrictions are eased, permitting visits to resume, there will be 8 weeks before the changes go live to allow everyone to understand the new process.

