

Photo Referee Verification

If you do not have existing photographic identification to validate your application, a Photo Referee must be provided to Dumfries and Galloway Council when you apply. Your application should be made on an application form.

The referee must:

- have no family or personal relationship with, or live with, the applicant (including that of guardian or foster carer)
- be over 25 years of age
- provide a daytime, work telephone number.
- know the applicant and be able to confirm that the applicant is who they claim to be.
- have an occupation that meets the criteria for acceptable Referees who can provide an acceptable countersignature (See attached).
- provide a signature on the application form, and also on the reverse of the photograph which should be endorsed with “**I confirm that this is a true likeness of** “[Applicant’s Name]” and that it is signed and dated by the Referee.
- Consent to be contacted if required to confirm any of the details supplied
- Sign the declaration that includes the caution about the penalty for making a false declaration

PASS-approved referees

Referees must work in a recognised profession or be “a person of good standing in their community”:

- Accountant
- Airline Pilot
- Articled Clerk of a limited company
- Assurance agent of recognised company
- Bank/building society official
- Barrister
- Chairman/director of limited company
- Chiropodist
- Local Councillor
- Civil servant (permanent)
- Dentist
- Director/Manager/Personnel Officer of a VAT registered Company
- Engineer (with professional qualifications)
- Financial services intermediary (e.g. stockbroker or insurance broker)
- Fire service official
- Funeral director
- Insurance agent (full time) of a recognised company.
- Journalist
- Justice of the Peace
- Legal secretary (associate member or fellow of the Institute of legal secretaries and PAs)
- Licensee of public house
- Local government officer
- Manager/Personnel officer (of limited company)
- Member, associate or fellow of a professional body
- Member of Parliament / Member of Scottish Parliament
- Merchant Navy officer
- Minister of a recognised religion
- Nurse (RGN and RMN)
- Officer of the armed services
- Optician
- Paralegal – certified paralegal, qualified paralegal or associate member of the institute of Paralegals
- Person with honours (e.g. OBE MBE etc.)
- Pharmacist
- Police officer
- Post Office official
- President / Secretary of a recognized organisation
- Salvation Army officer
- Social worker
- Solicitor
- Surveyor
- Teacher, lecturer
- Trade union officer
- Travel agent (qualified)
- Warrant officers and Chief Petty Officers