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About this guidance

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Key facts

This page shows you the key facts for the points-based system (PBS) Tier 5 (Youth mobility scheme) category.

Category	Tier 5 (Youth mobility scheme)
Eligibility requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is a citizen or passport holder of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australia Canada Japan Monaco New Zealand Taiwan South Korea or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is a British overseas citizen, British overseas territories citizen or British national (overseas) is aged 18 or over when their entry clearance becomes valid for use, and is under the age of 31 on the date their application is made. Has £1800, not including any overdraft facility, in their personal bank account on the date of application for entry clearance. Must not fall for refusal on general grounds.
Application forms	VAF9 and Appendix 7 All applications have to be made from overseas.
Cost of application:	UK Border Agency - Fees for our services (Links to staff intranet removed).
Entry clearance mandatory?	Yes
Is biometric information required for applications made in the UK?	Yes
Code of leave to enter granted	Youth Mob – no recourse to public funds. Work/business restricted as per YMS rules.
Entry clearance endorsements	Category 'D' – TIER 5 (YOUTH MOB) MIGRANT
Conditions of leave to enter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They can do any work that complies with UK and European Union laws, directives and regulations except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> as a professional sportsperson (including as a sports coach) as a doctor or dentist in training (Links to staff intranet removed). They can be self employed in certain circumstances, for more information, see Conditions of leave (Links to staff intranet removed). They cannot use public funds.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• They must register with the police, if required to do so by paragraph 326 of the Immigration Rules.
How long is leave to enter normally granted for?	Two years.
Are dependants allowed?	No
Work and study allowed?	Yes
Switching into this category allowed?	No
Does this category lead to settlement (indefinite leave to remain)?	No
Is knowledge of language and life required?	No
CID case type	T5Y
Immigration Rules paragraphs	Paragraphs 245ZI to 245ZL

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This page lists changes to the Tier 5 (Youth mobility scheme) guidance with the most recent at the top.

Date of the change	Details of the change
24 April 2013	Six month review by the modernised guidance team: Minor housekeeping changes
11 October 2012	Six month review by the modernised guidance team: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Key facts:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 'Eligibility requirements', first bullet point, new seventh sub-bullet point added• Nationality:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ second paragraph, sixth sub-bullet point new• Maintenance:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ second paragraph, '£1600' has been changed to '£1800'○ sub-heading 'Evidence of funds', first bullet point 'one month' has been changed to '31 days'○ sub-heading, second bullet points '£1600' has been changed to '£1800'○ fifth bullet point '£1600' changed to '£1800'• Minor housekeeping changes.

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Entry requirements

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Tier 5 (Youth mobility scheme), or○ working holiday maker scheme● have children under 18 years old who are either living with them or financially dependent upon them● fall for refusal under the general grounds for refusal. <p>The application will automatically not qualify if the applicant's country or territory has already used up its allocation of places on the scheme for the year.</p> <p>For more information on points requirements, see related links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Nationality● Age● Maintenance. <p>For more information on general grounds for refusal, see related link.</p>	
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Nationality

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	<p>Immigration Rules.</p> <p>There is no annual allocation for British overseas citizens, British overseas territories citizens and British nationals (overseas).</p> <p>For more information on granting or refusing entry clearance or entry at a UK port, see related links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant or refuse entry clearance• Grant or refuse entry at UK port.	
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Age

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Maintenance

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	<p>body for the country in which the institution operates.</p> <p>Information required The information must clearly show:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the migrant's name • the account number and type of account, for example current or savings • the date of the letter or statement • the financial institution's name and logo • that funds of at least £1800, not including any overdraft facilities, are held in the applicant's account. <p>Electronic bank statements Electronic bank statements from an online account must contain all of the details listed above. The migrant must also provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A supporting letter from their bank, on company headed paper, confirming the authenticity of the statements provided. Or • An electronic bank statement bearing the official stamp of the bank in question. This stamp must appear on every page of the statement. <p>For more information on granting or refusing entry clearance or entry at a UK port, see related links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant or refuse entry clearance • Grant or refuse entry at UK port. 	
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Grant or refuse entry

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Grant or refuse entry clearance

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	<p>Appeal rights</p> <p>There are no appeal rights for those who are applying from overseas, except when the appeal is on human rights or race discrimination grounds.</p> <p>Overseas applicants can seek an administrative review if they feel there is an error in the decision. For more information on the administrative review procedures, see Appendix C of the Tier 5 (Youth mobility scheme) policy guidance, see related link: Tier 5 youth mobility scheme.</p>	
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Grant or refuse entry at UK port

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Conditions of leave

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Doctor or dentist in training

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Contact

About this guidance Key facts Entry requirements Grant or refuse entry Conditions of leave	<p>This page tells you who to contact for more help with a specific case in the Tier 5 (Youth mobility scheme) category of the points based system.</p> <p>If you have read the relevant Immigration Rules and this guidance and still need more help with this category, you must first ask your senior caseworker or line manager.</p> <p>If the question cannot be answered at that level, you may email the points-based system (PBS) operational policy team (see related link: Email PBS operational policy) for guidance on the policy.</p> <p>Changes to this guidance can only be made by the modernised guidance team (MGT). If you think the policy content needs amending you must contact the PBS operational policy team, who will ask the MGT to update the guidance, if appropriate.</p> <p>The MGT will accept direct feedback on broken links, missing information or the format, style and navigability of this guidance. You can send these using the link: Email: Modernised guidance team.</p>	Related links Changes to this guidance Information owner Links to staff intranet removed
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