

Eligibility

An athlete must fulfil one of the following criteria to be eligible for a place in Team England

1. Be born in England
2. Be born of English Parents (at least one) or English Grandparents (at least one)
3. Having Dual Nationality (holding a British Passport) and having lived in England for at least 3 years
4. Have lived in England for at least 3 years and not having represented any other country in any sport

For the purposes of this policy, there are two parts to proving compliance with the eligibility criteria; proof of ID and proof of how the athlete fulfils the criteria. However, one document may be proof of both.

The simplest option for an athlete born and residing in England is a current British Passport showing a town of birth in England, or if the athlete does not have a passport, a current UK driving license and birth certificate showing a town of birth in England.

Failing this the following would apply:

- Valid proof of ID from either route 1, 2 or 3 AND a proof of being the direct descendant of English Parents or Grandparents.
- Dual Nationality and having lived in England for at least 3 years
- Valid proof of ID from either route 1, 2 or 3 AND a proof of being resident in England for the last 3 years, and having never represented any other country in any sport

Route 1

The applicant must be able to show:

- Document from Group 1, below
- Further documents from either Group 1, or Group 2a or 2b, below

At least 1 of the documents must show the applicant's current address.

Route 2

If the applicant doesn't have any of the documents in Group 1, then they must be able to show:

- 1 document from Group 2a
- 2 further documents from either Group 2a or 2b

At least 1 of the documents must show the applicant's current address.

Route 3

Route 3 can only be used if it hasn't been possible to process the application through Routes 1 or 2. For Route 3, the applicant must be able to show:

- A birth certificate issued after the time of birth (UK and Channel Islands)
- 1 document from Group 2a
- 3 further documents from Group 2a or 2b

At least 1 of the documents must show the applicant's current address.

Identity Documents

Group 1: Primary identity documents

Passport - any current and valid passport (for any country)

Biometric residence permit UK

Current driving licence - photo card with counterpart UK/Isle of Man/Channel Islands (full or provisional)

Birth certificate - issued at time of birth UK and Channel Islands – including those issued by UK authorities overseas, eg embassies, High Commissions and HM Forces

Group 2a: Trusted government documents

Current driving licence – old-style paper version UK

Current photo driving licence - non-UK licences must be valid

Birth certificate - issued after time of birth UK and Channel Islands

Marriage/civil partnership certificate - UK and Channel Islands

Adoption certificate - UK and Channel Islands

HM Forces ID card – UK

Firearms licence - UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man

Group 2b: Financial and social history documents

Mortgage statement - UK or EEA issued in last 12 months

Bank or building society statement - UK and Channel Islands or EEA issued in last 3 months

Bank or building society account opening confirmation letter - UK issued in last 3 months

Credit card statement - UK or EEA issued in last 3 months

Financial statement - eg pension or endowment UK issued in last 12 months

P45 or P60 statement - UK and Channel Islands issued in last 12 months

Council Tax statement - UK and Channel Islands issued in last 12 months

Work permit or visa - UK valid up to expiry date

Letter of sponsorship from future employment provider - non-UK or non-EEA only and

valid only for applicants residing outside of the UK at time of application. Must still be valid

Utility bill - UK (not a mobile telephone bill) issued in last 3 months

Benefit statement - eg Child Benefit, Pension UK issued in last 3 months

Central or local government, government agency, or local council document giving entitlement - eg from the Department for Work and Pensions, the Employment Service, HMRC UK and Channel Islands issued in last 3 months

EU National ID card – must still be valid

Cards carrying the PASS accreditation logo - UK and Channel Islands. Must still be valid

Letter from head teacher or college principal UK - for 16 to 19 year olds in full-time education and only used in exceptional circumstances if other documents cannot be provided. Must still be valid

Proof of Residency

If you do not meet eligibility criteria 1 (i.e. you were not born in England) you will need to provide proof of residency in England for the last 3 years. In order to show proof residency in England, two groups of documents from Group 2B would be needed showing history for the last 3 years.

Also valid would be:

- Electoral Roll proof for the last 3 years
- Valid Home Contents Insurance policy documents for the last 3 years
- Tenancy agreements for the last 3 years (not handwritten)
- P60 or P45 for the last 3 years