

As part of your visa application, you may be required to submit a document (e.g. birth certificate, marriage certificate, bank statement) which is written in a language other than English.

In these instances, you must provide a **translated version** of this document in addition to the **original document** itself.

If you have obtained your English translation overseas it may not meet all of the requirements stated below so you may need to get it translated again in the UK.

Home Office Guidance about translations

The Home Office has very strict guidance on the type of translations which they accept. In all cases, the original document must be accompanied by:

- a **certified translation** by a professional translator/translation company including:
- **details of the translator/translation company's credentials**; and
- confirmation that it is an **accurate translation** of the original document; and
- the translator/translation company's **contact details**; and
- **date of translation**; and
- **original signature** of the translator or an authorised official of the translation company

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1. **Translate My Doc** www.translatemydoc.co.uk
2. **Sure Languages** <http://www.sure-languages.com/certified-translation/>
3. **Gerrard Translation Services**, Tel: 0871 9769 178 Gerrard.translation@gmail.com, 36 Gerrard Street London W1D 5QA

You may also use another external company.

Whichever company you use, it is **your responsibility** to check that the translations provided by the company meet the above requirements.



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