

Documents required for eligibility check for Masa programs with Student visa

Below are definitions and a list of documents for checking files for Masa Programs applicants

Definitions:

Passport validity – passport needs to be valid for at least one year from approximate draft date

Proof of Judaism – document proving connection to Judaism: confirmation of Judaism from a recognized rabbi of a recognized congregation, or from a recognized Beit Din (from all streams), from the candidate's permanent country of residence.

The confirmation needs to be written on an official letterhead of the community/Beit Din, dated and signed by hand (digital signatures are not accepted).

List of documents by status

Jewish from birth, 4b under the Law of return who was born to a Jewish Mother

- Birth certificate with parents' names
- Proof of Judaism stated that was born to a Jewish mother, with the applicant's name and mother's name as listed on birth certificate
- Valid passport

Jewish by conversion, 4b under the Law of return – convert

- Birth certificate with parents' names
- Valid passport
- Conversion certificate
- Letter from the converting rabbi, detailing the nature and process of conversion, including the subjects that were taught and for how many hours.
- Personal letter from the applicant with his reasons for conversion, detailing the nature and process of conversion, how many hours and detailing his participation in the community during and after the conversion
- Confirmation of participating in a Jewish community for at least 9 months after the conversion

*An applicant who converted before the age of 12 is only required to provide a conversion certificate and confirmation of participating in a Jewish community

** An applicant who was born to a Jewish parent/grandparent is only required to provide a conversion certificate and confirmation of participating in a Jewish community, assuming they were able to provide eligibly as child/grandchild of a Jew according to the regulations.

*** an applicant who converted more than 10 years ago, is only required to provide a conversion certificate and confirmation of participating in a Jewish community

Child of a Jew, (4a under the Law of Return)

- Birth certificate with parents' names
- Valid passport
- Proof of Judaism under the name of the Jewish father which states how the father is Jewish and lists his mother's name as listed on father's birth certificate
- Father's birth certificate with parents' names (in the case the father is Jewish from birth)

Grandchild of a Jew, (4a under the Law of Return)

- Birth certificate with parents' names
- Valid passport
- Proof of Judaism under the name of the Jewish grandfather which states how the grandfather is Jewish and lists his mother's name as listed on grandfather's birth certificate
- Birth certificate of the parent who is the child of a Jewish father with parents' names
- Birth certificate of the Jewish grandfather

*The eligibility coordinator can ask for additional documents