

**People working in the following occupations are suitable to act as Referees (when a candidate is not able to provide an employer referee)**

- Accountant
- Airline Pilots
- Articled clerk of a limited company
  
- Assurance agent of a recognised company
- Bank/building society official
- Barrister
  
- British Computer Society (BCS) - Professional grades which are Associate (AMBCS), Member (MBCS), Fellow (FBCS) (PN 25/2003)
- Broker
- Chairman/director of limited company
  
- Chemist
- Chiropodist
- Christian Science practitioner
  
- Commissioner of oaths
- Councillor: local or county
- Civil servant (permanent)
  
- Dentist
- Designated Premises Supervisors
- Director/Manager of a VAT registered Charity
  
- Director/Manager/Personnel Officer of a VAT registered Company
- Engineer (with professional qualifications)
- Fire service official
  
- Funeral director
- Insurance agent (full time) of a recognised company
- Journalist
  
- Justice of the Peace
- Legal secretary (members and fellows of the Institute of legal secretaries)
- Local government officer
  
- Manager/Personnel officer (of limited company)
- Member of Parliament
- Merchant Navy officer

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- Minister of a recognised religion
- Nurse (RGN and RMN)
- Officer of the armed services (active or retired)
  
- Optician
- Person with honours (eg, OBE MBE etc)
- Personal Licensee Holders
  
- Photographer (professional)
- Police officer
- Post Office official
  
- President/Secretary of a recognised organisation
- Salvation Army officer
- Social worker
  
- Solicitor
- Surveyor
- Teacher, lecturer
  
- Trade union officer
- Travel agency (qualified)
- Valuers and auctioneers (fellow and associate members of the incorporated society)
- Warrant officers and Chief Petty Officers

(from UK Passport Agency guidelines for validating photographs in support of application for a passport – June 2008)

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