



## Who Can Sign Personal License Photos?

As part of your application for a Personal License an applicant will need to provide two passport sized photos. Both of these photos must be signed, one by the applicant themselves, and another by a counter-signatory. But who can this counter-signatory be, and why is their signature so vital in the application process of your Personal License?

### What is a counter-signatory?

A counter-signatory must be someone who is known by the applicant, but not a spouse or relative. The point of a counter-signatory is to prove the identity of the person applying for the Personal License. This leaves various other people who you could ask to sign your photos, including a work colleague, a Manager whom you report to.

Ultimately, the counter-signatory must belong to someone who is a 'a person of good standing in their community and work in a recognized profession. This also includes a professional who is retired from said recognized profession.

The full list of occupants that can be a counter-signatory are as followed:

- Accountant
- Articled Clerk of a Limited Company
- Assurance Agent of Recognised Company
- Bank/Building Society Official
- Barrister
- Broker
- Chairman/Director of Limited Company
- Chemist
- Chiropodist

- Christian Science Practitioner
- Commissioner of Oaths
- Councillor: Local or County
- Civil Servant (permanent)
- Dentist
- 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
- Minister of a recognised religion
- Nurse (SRN and SEN)
- Officer of the armed services (Active or Retired)
- Optician
- Person with Honours (e.g. OBE MBE etc)
- 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

## **What other requirements must a counter-signatory hold?**

Your counter-signatory must live in the UK and hold a current British or Irish passport.

## **Does the counter-signatory just sign the photo and that's it?**

No. As well as a signature, the counter-signatory must also declare that they have known you for more than 2 years and that you are who you claim to be. This can be done by adding the following statement, along with their signature on the back of the photo.

*"I certify that this is a true likeness of (XYZ)"*

Finally, the statement must be dated, along with a signature from the counter-signatory. This will complete your Personal License application and you will be ready to send off the application.