

FATCA Glossary

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We may ask for urgent documentation to establish if you are a United States Person in support of the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA), a tax legislation that became effective on 1st July 2014. The glossary below provides a detailed list of suitable documents you are required to provide to satisfy our request. Please note that you are not required to provide all documents listed below but only those (or any one of those) documents that we have specifically asked you to provide.

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IRS Form W-9

Please access the IRS website and complete Form W-9 which is a request for Tax Payer Identification Number and Certification. Please ensure you select the correct form as some have very similar titles. If you require further assistance in order to complete your IRS Tax Form, guidance can be found at www.fatca.hsbc.com

IRS Form W-8BEN

Please access the IRS website and complete Form W-8BEN, which is a Certificate of Foreign Status of Beneficial Owner for United States Tax Withholding. Please ensure you select the correct form as some have very similar titles. If you require further assistance in order to complete your IRS Tax Form, guidance can be found at www.fatca.hsbc.com

Government Issued ID

We require a form of government issued identification which explicitly states your citizenship / nationality in a country other than US such as current passport or current national identity card.

Explanation of Non-US Citizenship

We require a copy of Individual Certification of Loss of Nationality.

Written Explanation of US Address/Phone

Written explanation for any US address found on the account (correspondence or residence), and/or US phone number.

Please ensure that the written explanation is dated, signed and has your full name on it.

Please access the HSBC FATCA website 'www.fatca.hsbc.com' to find guidance on what is required from you for your written explanation for any US address and/or US phone number found on your account (correspondence or residence).

Documentary Evidence of Non-US Status

We require documentary evidence that contains an individual's permanent residence address or indicates the country of residency or citizenship / nationality. Please select any one item from the following list of acceptable documentation:

- Certificate of residence issued by an appropriate tax official that indicates the person has filed their most recent income tax return as a resident
- Valid identification issued and authorised by a Government body that is typically used for identification purposes and includes individual's name, for example:
 - Current Passport
 - Current National Identity Card
 - Current photocard driving license
 - Maltese Birth Certificate (under 18s only)

Documentary Evidence of Non-US Status

If you do not have a Certificate of Loss of Nationality of the United States (US), then a reasonable explanation of why this Certificate has not been attained or why the US citizenship / nationality was not obtained at birth is required. Please ensure that the written explanation is dated, signed and has your full name on it.



