









Evidence

guide



save money and the environment

This guide will help you understand what information can be accepted as evidence for the scheme you are applying for.

What do we mean by "evidence"? Evidence is a piece or collection of information that indicates something is true or valid. In this context, the evidence we require is to prove that you meet the qualifying criteria for the scheme you are applying for.

Ways we can receive your evidence:

- Original paper document (sent by post)
- ▶ Photocopy of the original document (sent by post)
- ► Scan of the original document (printed and sent by post or emailed as an attachment)
- ► Scan of a photocopy (printed and sent by post or emailed as an attachment)
- ▶ Photo of the document clear and NOT blurry (printed and sent by post or emailed as an attachment)
- ▶ Mobile device or computer screenshots (printed and sent by post or emailed as an attachment)

INCOME - Bank statements

This is to prove that your COMBINED gross (before tax) household income is below the threshold of the scheme. The scheme requires you to provide 3 months of **FULL** bank statements (most recent) for **ALL** current accounts for **every adult** in the household (including adult children).

Every statement MUST SHOW name, address, date and ALL continuous transactions. Please remember that if you're sending us screenshots of bank statements, they need to capture every single transaction.

EXAMPLE 1.1



Make sure your evidence shows **all** of the below:

1 Recent date

2 Applicant's full name

3 Applicant's address

3 months' worth of transactions

Income evidence which DOES NOT show **all** of the above **4 criteria** is considered insufficient.



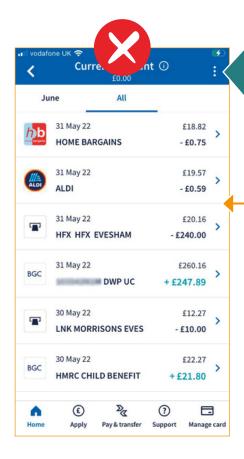
EXAMPLE 1.2
- the following page of bank statement.



1 INCOME - Examples

EXAMPLE 1.3 - NOT acceptable

- no applicant's details



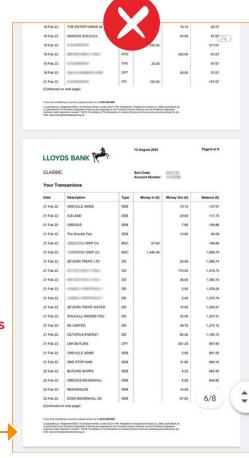
Click here to find full statements

- × recent date
- applicant's name
- applicant's address
- ★ 3 months of transactions

EXAMPLE 1.3 -

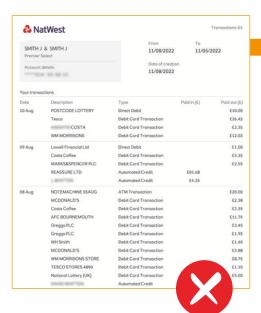
NOT acceptable - missing pages

- ✓ recent date
- applicant's name
- applicant's address
- 3 months of transactions



EXAMPLE 1.5 - NOT acceptable

- no applicant's address



- √ recent date
- √ applicant's name
- applicant's address
- 3 months of transactions

EXAMPLE 1.4 - Acceptable

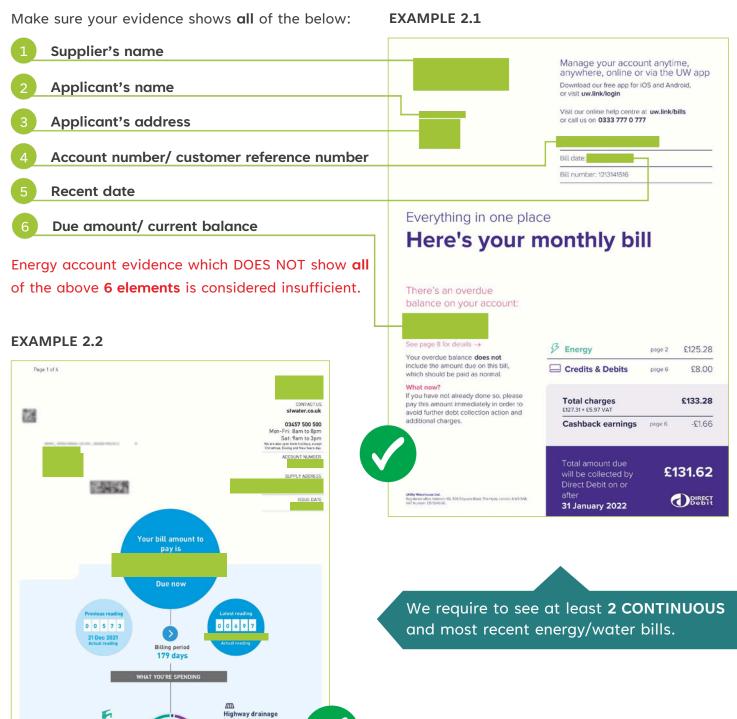


- recent date
- applicant's name
- applicant's address
- 3 months of transactions



2 BILLS - Energy and/or water

This is to prove your account number with the energy supplier and build-up of debt (where applicable). The copy of your bill will provide the account number ensuring payments are made to the correct account. For support with debts, you MUST provide 2 most recent continuous bills showing the debt's build-up. If the name on the bill differs from that on the application for help, this may require further clarification.



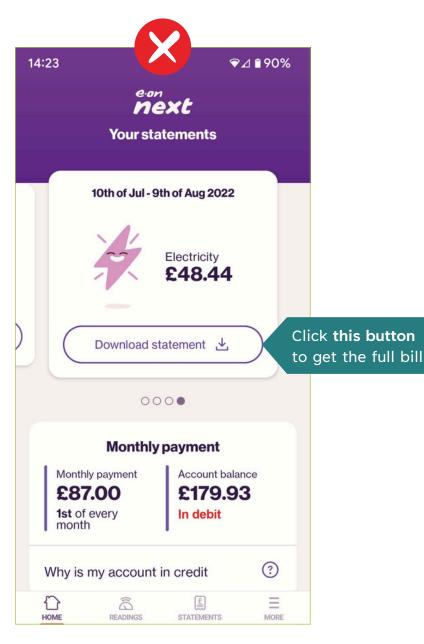
£342.57

Your average daily spend That's an average of 0.69m³ per day = 1214 PINTS

Waste water (39%) Total £132.30

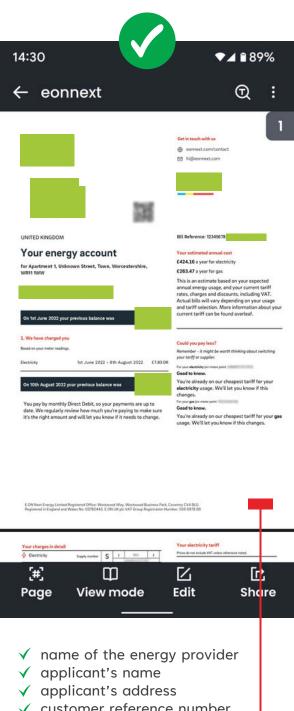
2 BILLS - Examples

EXAMPLE 2.3 - NOT acceptable



- √ name of the energy provider
- × applicant's name
- ★ applicant's address
- x customer reference number
- × recent date
- ✓ latest balance/ due amount

EXAMPLE 2.4 - Acceptable



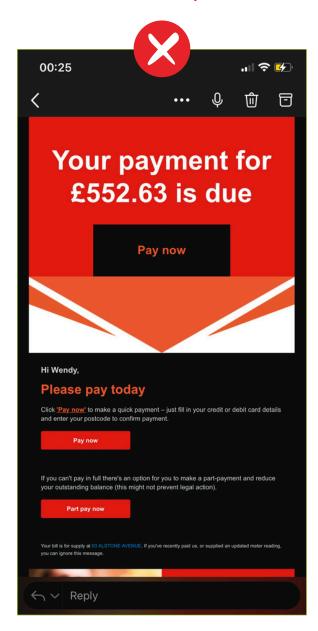
- ✓ customer reference number
- √ recent date
- √ latest balance/ due amount

You must provide multiple screenshots. We have to see all the pages.



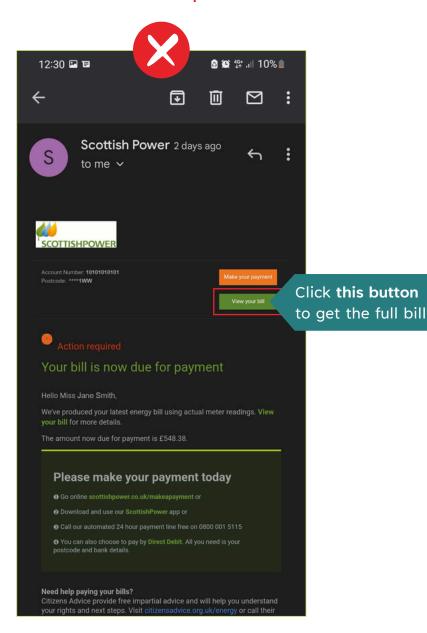
2 BILLS - Examples continued

EXAMPLE 2.5 - NOT acceptable



- × name of the energy provider
- applicant's full name (partial only)
- applicant's address (partial only)
- x customer reference number
- x recent date
- √ latest balance/ due amount

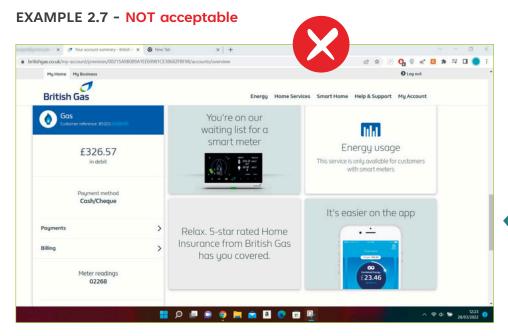
EXAMPLE 2.6 - NOT acceptable



- √ name of the energy provider
- √ applicant's full name
- applicant's address
- ✓ customer reference number
- recent date (not specific)
- ✓ latest balance/ due amount



BILLS - Examples continued

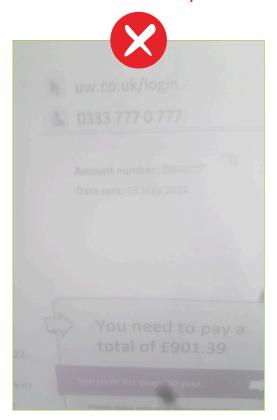


- name of the energy provider
- × applicant's full name
- applicant's address
- ✓ customer reference number
- ✓ recent date
- latest balance/ due amount

Scroll **up** to show your name and address*

*Send multiple screen-shots. We have to see all the pages.

EXAMPLE 2.8 - NOT acceptable - BLURRY



- × name of the energy provider
- applicant's full name
- applicant's address
- customer reference number
- x recent date
- ★ latest balance/ due amount

EXAMPLE 2.9 - NOT acceptable - REMITTANCE SLIP



- ✓ name of the energy provider
- √ applicant's full name
- ★ applicant's address
- ✓ customer reference number
- x recent date
- √ latest balance/ due amount



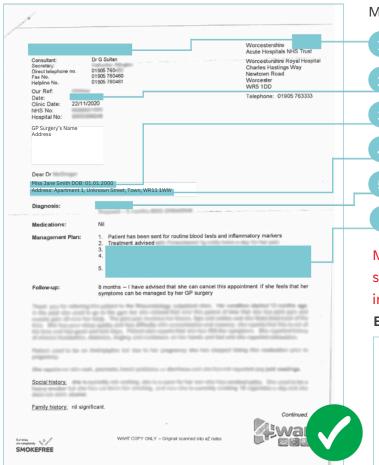
3 VULNERABILITY

All of our schemes have differing requirements for proving evidence of your vulnerability. Please see the application form which details the exact requirements.

Generally, vulnerability tends to be one of the following - THIS LIST IS NOT EXHAUSTIVE -PLEASE CHECK THE VULNERABILITY SECTION ON YOUR APPLICATION FORM:

- Long-term diagnosed and treated medical conditions*
- ▶ In receipt of Personal Independence Payment (PIP) or Disability Living Allowance (DLA)**
- ► Households with unmanageable debt (not all schemes)
- Pensioners (not all schemes)
- Young children in the home (not all schemes)

EXAMPLE 3.1 - Long-term medical condition



- *Photos of medication boxes with labels on or photos of repeat prescription etc. are also acceptable. However, at minimum, those must show recent date, your name and address. In some cases further explanation may be required.
- **Evidence of PIP and/or DLA can be shown on your bank statement evidence. We can also accept DWP benefit award letters.

Make sure your evidence shows all of the below:

- Type of vulnerability e.g. medical condition
- Date (most recent)
- Applicant's name
- **Applicant's address**
- Diagnosis
- Proof of long-term and treated condition

Medical condition evidence which DOES NOT show all of the above 6 elements is considered insufficient.

EXAMPLE 3.2 - Letter of redundancy

