

ID Options for Under 16 Year Olds

If someone under 16 doesn't have a passport, providing ID can sometimes feel difficult but there are options available. Below are a list of options that Parkour UK will accept:

1. **Original or certificated copy of your birth certificate**
2. **An NHS Medical Card:** Showing the child's name, NHS number, and date of birth.
3. If the course tutor has known you for more than three months, either through your work with them or through your attendance at their classes, they may agree to **visually identify** you. This is at the tutor's discretion, and you must confirm this arrangement with them before attending the face-to-face course day.

4. **Official PASS Cards (Best for Everyday Use)**

The **Proof of Age Standards Scheme (PASS)** is the UK's national checklist for valid age-verification cards. These carry a distinct government-backed hologram and are legally recognized by shops, cinemas, and UK airlines for domestic flights.

The two most popular providers for under-16s are:

- **CitizenCard:** They offer official photo ID cards for children under 13 and teenagers aged 13–15.
 - *Cost:* **Standard applications are free for under-16s** (or around £17 if you need an urgent turnaround). You just need parental consent and a professional "referee" (like a teacher or doctor) to confirm who you are if you don't have an existing passport to scan.
- **Post Office PASS Card:** Issued in partnership with CitizenCard, you can apply for these online or pick up a form at a local Post Office.
 - *Cost:* Usually costs around £15.

5. **Transport & Concession Cards (Best for Travel Discounts)**

- **Zip Oyster photocard (London):** For those living in or visiting London, the **5-10** and **11-15** Zip Oyster cards act as valid photo ID and unlock free or heavily discounted travel.
- **Young Scot National Entitlement Card (Scotland):** Free for anyone aged 11–25 living in Scotland, acting as a valid photo ID, transit pass, and discount card.
- **Local Council Youth Cards:** Many regions across England and Wales have their own localized equivalent versions that feature a photo and date of birth.

Keep in mind: If you are applying for a photo ID card (like a CitizenCard) without a passport, you will usually need a **professional referee** to sign off on the application. This is typically a teacher, a school administrator, a doctor, or a social worker who has known the young person for at least a couple of years.