

## Three ways to make your PDF files smaller

If your PDF files are over 2 MB, here are some helpful options to make them smaller in order to upload them to the Embark application form. You don't need to download any programs; all of them are available online.



You can compress your PDF files with no size limit. Just get in its [website](#) and follow these steps:

1. **Upload it.** You have two options: to take your PDF file and drag it to the box called “[Drop PDF here](#)” or to look in your PC by clicking on “[Choose a file](#)”.
2. **Wait.** It's normal to wait for several minutes until the compressed PDF file is ready. It can take 3-5 minutes.
3. **Check it.** When your PDF is ready, it downloads automatically. Check your “Downloads” folder on your PC to check its size. And that's it!



With this tool, you can only upload files with a **maximum size of 5 MB**. Click [here](#) and follow these steps:

1. **Compression settings.** You can select between four compression options (low compression, medium compression, high compression or maximum compression). Depending on the size of your file, it's up to you which option is the best for you.
2. **Upload it.** Click on “[Choose a file](#)” and upload it. Then click on the button “[Upload & Compress](#)”. Now wait.
3. **Check it.** When the compressed file is ready, click on the link that appears. The website will reveal the total percentage of compression. Check the size. If it's not fewer than 2 MB, you can start over with a different compression option. Furthermore, you must open the compressed file to check its quality and see if its information is comprehensible and legible.

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This tool only allows you to upload files up to **12 MB**. The steps are basically the same as described above. Click [here](#) and select the file you want to shrink. Then, on the option called “[Compression level](#)”, select **Screen**. Click on the button “[Compress](#)” and wait.

This tool can reduce your PDF file up to 90% its original size, but open it when is ready and check if it's legible and/or the images are clear.

**Note:** Once you've compressed a file, you can't make it even smaller. If your file is still over 2 MB, try scanning your documents again in a lower resolution and select any of the options above depending on the size of your file.