

## UK Student Visa Procedure & Document Checklist



**You can apply for a student visa to study in the UK if you're 16 or over and you:**

- have been offered a place on a course by a licensed student sponsor and hold a **Confirmation of acceptance of Studies (CAS)**
- have enough money to support yourself and pay for your course - the amount will vary depending on your place of study and course
- can speak, read, write and understand English
- have consent from your parents if you're 16 or 17 - you'll need evidence of this when you apply

Student Visa applications are submitted **online** using the Gov.Uk website (<https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa>). Students cannot apply for the visa more than **three (3) months** before the start of their course date.

The Student Visa is typically issued for the full study duration. For courses that last over six months, students can arrive in the UK up to one month before, and stay for up to four months after the end of the course. As of September 2018, Master's students (not postgraduate certificate or diploma) can stay in the UK for up to six months after completing their studies. The **visa application Fee: £348 per applicant** and non refundable

### **English language requirements**

You'll have to provide with an evidence of proficiency in the English language when you apply for your visa. This usually means passing a secure English language test. (IELTS, TOEFL or others). UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) have minimum English language requirements for reading, writing, listening and speaking according to your level of study.

### **Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS)**

You must have a CAS before making an application for student visa. A CAS is an electronic document that your college/university issues when you accept the offer. The CAS is stored on the database that Home Office can see

### **Biometric residence permit**

You must also obtain a biometric residence permit (BRP) from the UKVI. You will need to make an appointment with the UKVI to have your fingers and thumbs scanned and a digital photo taken of your face.

## Health Surcharge

You must pay the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) for yourself, and anyone travelling with you. This IHS helps to fund the UK healthcare system, and gives students access to free healthcare while living in the UK.



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- A current valid passport
- Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) reference number and documents used to obtain CAS
- Evidence of funds to provide your living expenses for the duration of your course. (Bank statements, Education loan, Evidence of sponsors income etc)
  - *Any money you use for maintenance (course fees and living costs) must be in your account or your parent(s)' account for a consecutive period of 28 days (finishing on the date of the closing balance).*
  - *During the 28-day period this money cannot drop below the required amount for even 1 day or you will not meet the Home Office requirements and your application will be refused.*
- Passport colour photograph.
- Tuberculosis screening (if required)
- Assessment documentation
- Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) clearance certificate (if required)

Additional documents may also be needed if you are:

- Under 18 years of age.
- Have family (dependents)

***Note: If any of your supporting documents is not in English, you will need to have it translated. Each translated document must be dated, and include the translator's name and signature and confirmation that it is an accurate translation of the original document.***

## Interviews:

Credibility interviews are now part of the UK student visa application process. There is a chance you may be interviewed by a UKVI officer as part of the visa application process. These interviews can be via telephone or in person to answer questions from an Entry Clearance Officer about your prospective studies in the UK. The interview is conducted in English and will take approximately 10-20 minutes.

### Tips for your UK visa

1. Try not to postpone your visa appointment until the last minute as it takes at least 3 to 7 working weeks to receive a student visa.
2. Start your visa process six months in advance.
3. Check if the institute is licensed before applying for it.



Our team of experienced counsellors guide you with the correct visa procedures and protocols. We'll make sure you are fully informed on the latest visa requirements and conditions; also help you prepare the right documents and submit the application on your behalf.



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