

Visa Fact-sheet

The rules relating to student visas have undergone significant change, moving to a points based system.

You are advised to check the latest information and policy guidance before you make any application. The information below is for guidance only.

The most up to date information can be found at
<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/studyingintheuk/>

Who needs a visa?

If you are not from the European Economic Area (EEA) or a Swiss National the British Government has a helpful website: <http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk> which has all the relevant information you will need to apply for a visa. Please ensure you are aware of these, particularly the time scales and costs involved before applying so that if your allnations application is accepted, you can plan ahead in time for the start of your study programme.

Further information on studying in the UK can be found at
<http://www.ukcosa.org.uk>
<http://www.britishcouncil.org>
<http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk>

Student. – over 6 months

You can apply as an adult student if you are coming to the United Kingdom for your education and are over the age of 16 year.
 You need 40 points to be able to apply for a student visa and must provide the proof needed with your application form.

| Points | What you get points for | Proof and documents needed |
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| 30 | Doing a course (at an acceptable level) with an approved education provider (also known as sponsorship) | Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies issued by your approved education provider and the documents used to get the confirmation of acceptance for studies. |
| 10 | Having enough money to cover your course fees and monthly living costs (also known as maintenance) | Bank statement or letter confirming that you have enough money available to cover your course fees and monthly living costs for up to one year and that has been in your bank account for 28 days before you submit your application. |

You must also arrange to have your photograph taken and give your fingerprints, which are known as biometric information. See [Biometrics](#) for more information.

A Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) is valid for 6 months from the date of issue, but a CAS will be withdrawn if you do not meet all our entry requirements.

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Student visitor / General Visitor –under 6 months

You can apply as a student visitor if you are 18 years old or over, you want to come to the United Kingdom to do a course for up to six months, and you do not want to work while you are here.

You will not be able to switch and apply for an adult student visa while you are in the United Kingdom as a student visitor. If you want to apply for an adult student visa, you must apply from the country you live in.

To come to the United Kingdom as a general visitor, you must be able to show that:

- you are 18 years or over;
- you only want to visit the United Kingdom for up to six months, or up to 12 months if you are accompanying an academic visitor;
- you intend to leave the United Kingdom at the end of your visit;
- you have enough money to support and accommodate yourself without working or help from public funds, or you and any dependants will be supported and accommodated by relatives or friends;
- you can meet the cost of the return or onward journey; and
- you are not in transit to a country outside the common travel area.

If you are a national of the European Economic Area (EEA) a Swiss National or a member of their family, see <http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/> or <http://www.ukcosa.org.uk/student/eea.php>

