



How to apply for your UK Student Visa



How to apply

1. **Prepare your supporting documents** (see 'supporting documents' section)
2. **Apply on [Gov.uk/student-visa/apply](https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/apply)** – apply as soon as you get your CAS reference number from your university to avoid delays
3. **Choose your application service** – standard or priority service (check [Gov.uk/faster-decision-visa-settlement/applying-outside-the-uk](https://www.gov.uk/faster-decision-visa-settlement/applying-outside-the-uk) to see if you can get a faster (priority) decision)
4. **Prove your identity** – this will depend on where you are from and what type of passport you have (see [Gov.uk/apply-to-come-to-the-UK/prove-your-identity](https://www.gov.uk/apply-to-come-to-the-UK/prove-your-identity))
5. **Wait for your decision**

Supporting documents

What you need

- Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS) number from your university
- Valid Passport/Travel Document
- Proof of English language proficiency *
- Proof of finances *

You may also need

- Proof of parental or guardian consent (under 18s)
- Education certificates
- TB test certificate (if applicable)
- ATAS certificate (if applicable)
- A supporting letter explaining any gaps in your studies (for example, periods of employment)

* Find out more: [Gov.uk/student-visa/documents-you-must-provide](https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/documents-you-must-provide)

Helpful reminders

- Decide which type of visa service you would like in advance (standard or a priority service) as you can't change this later.
- Check your emails regularly (including junk/spam folders) in case UKVI have tried to contact you
- Don't go to the VAC to collect your passport until you have been told to
- Do not travel to the UK before you have received the visa in your passport, or before your visa start date
- You must apply for your visa within 6 months of receiving your CAS