

UK Student visas



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The UK's visa service

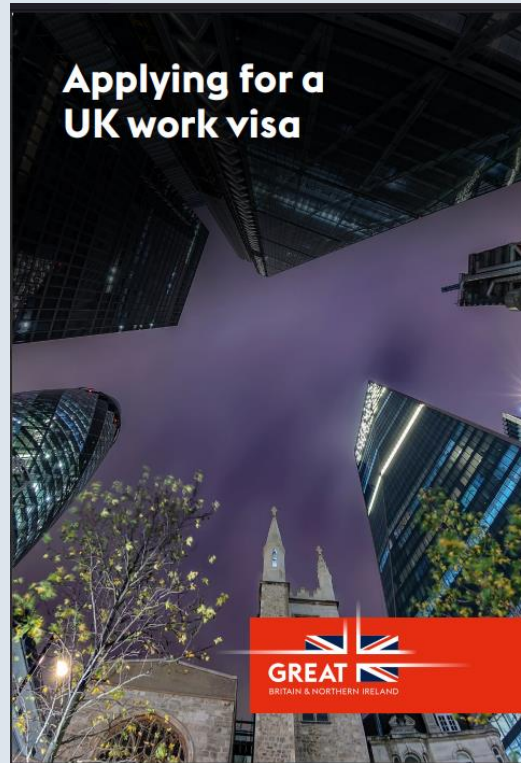
- **Our purpose:** to provide an effective regular immigration system for the UK.
- **Our vision:** We place our customers' needs at the centre of what we do, being adaptive, responsible and respectful at all times.
- **What we do:** We issue visas to enable customers to visit, work, study or join family in the UK.
- We have over **270** visa application centres around the world.
- We offer a priority visa service in nearly **190** countries.



High volume visa routes



Visitor



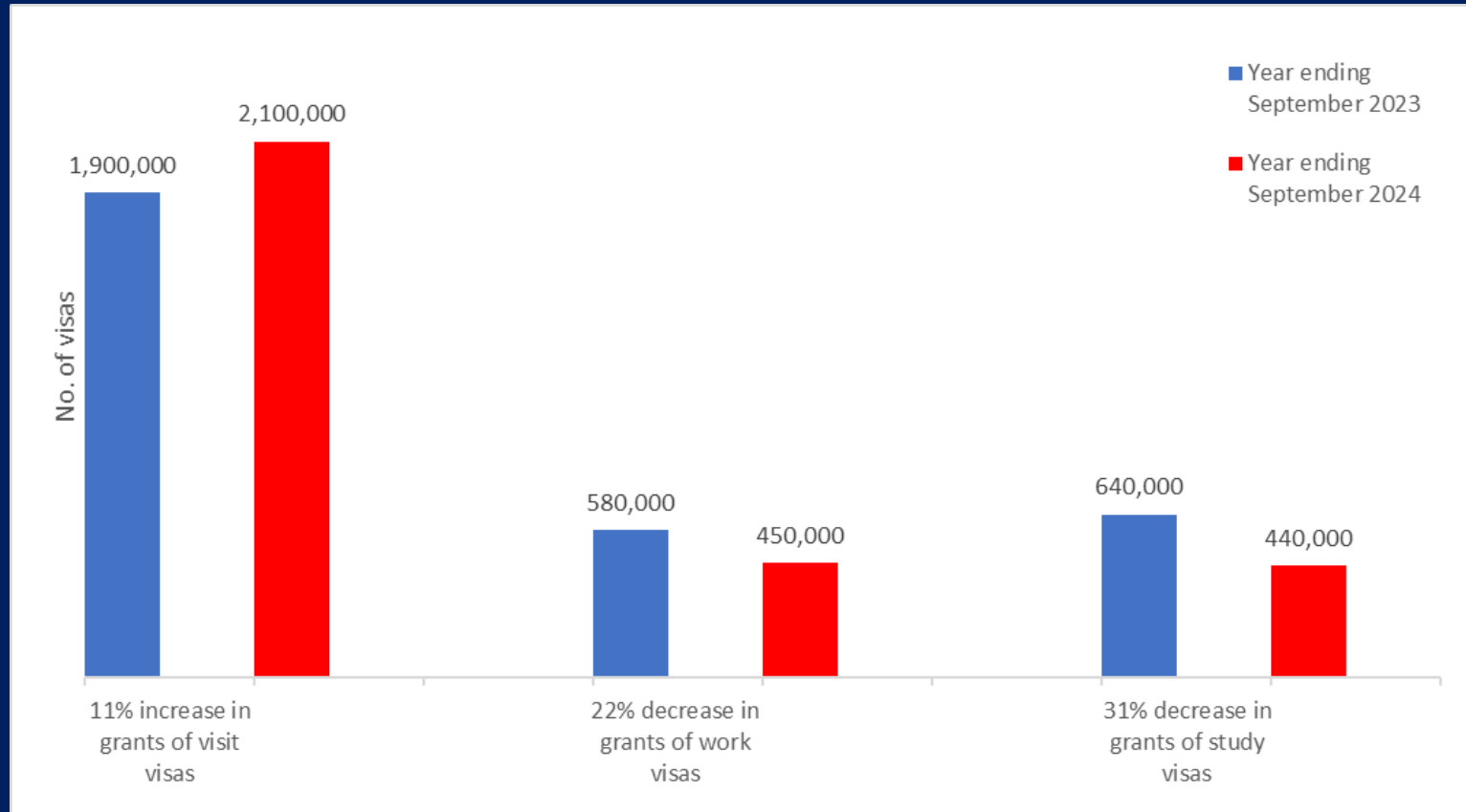
Work



Study

Visa stats

There were over 3,000,000 UK visas granted globally in the year ending September 2024



*Approx. figures. Includes dependants. Full data available here: www.gov.uk/government/collections/immigration-statistics-quarterly-release

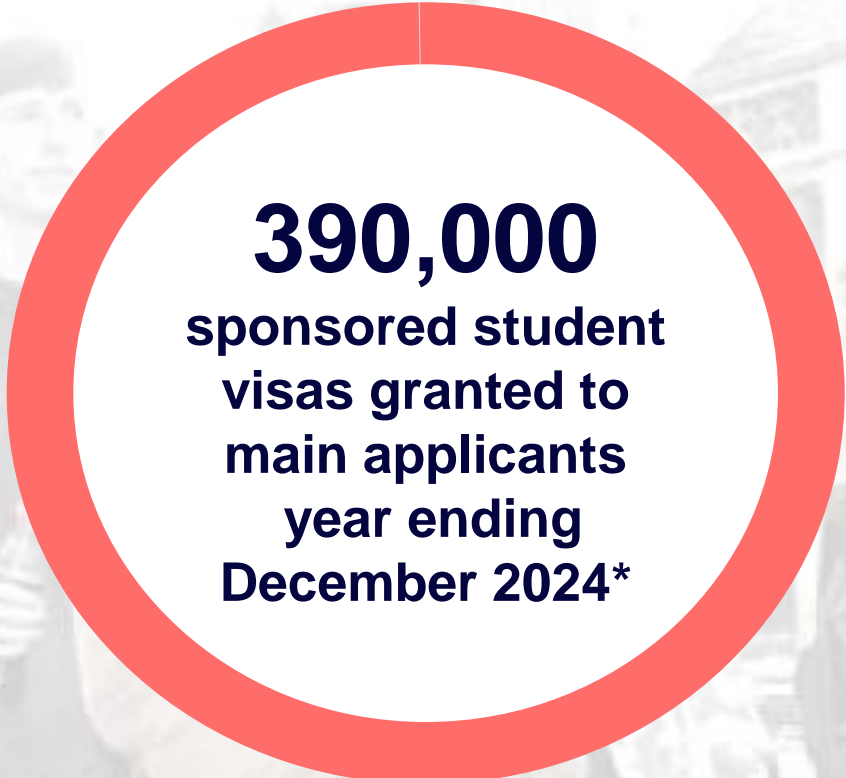
Applying for a UK Student visa



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Student visa stats



390,000
sponsored student
visas granted to
main applicants
year ending
December 2024*

*Approx figures. Full details available here: www.gov.uk/government/collections/immigration-statistics-quarterly-release

Do you need a Student visa?

British citizen



No

EU citizen



Yes

(this includes EU, EEA and Swiss citizens)

Other citizens



Yes

Who can apply?

You can apply for a UK Student visa if you are 16 or over and:

- Have an offer from an approved education institution.
- Can speak, read, write and understand English.
- Have enough money to pay for your course and support yourself.
- Have consent from your parents if you are under 18.

If you are between 4 and 17 years old and you want to study at an independent school in the UK, you may be eligible for a [Child Student visa](#) instead.



Before you apply

- Identify and apply for your course
- Check your education provider is a licensed student sponsor
- Your education provider will send you a reference number called a Confirmation of Acceptance of Study (CAS), once they've offered you a place on a course. You need this before you can apply for a visa.
- Check Gov.uk for the documents you need to prepare for your visa application
- Apply for your visa as soon as you have received your CAS number and have your documents ready

Documents required



You must provide:

- Current passport or travel document
- CAS reference number

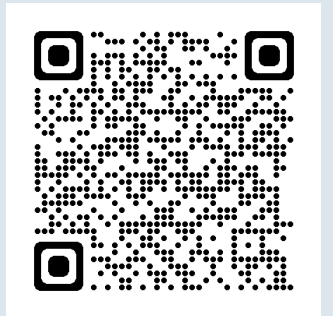


You may also need to provide:

- Proof of finances
- Proof of your knowledge of English
- Birth certificate and parental consent letter if under 18
- Tuberculosis test results (if required)
- ATAS certificate (if required by course)



Supplying the right documents will help avoid delays to the decision making process



www.gov.uk/student-visa/documents-you-must-provide

Knowledge of English

You can prove your knowledge of English by:

- Passing a secure English Language Test (SELT) from an approved provider.
- Having a GCSE, A level, Scottish National Qualification level 4 or 5, Scottish Higher or Advanced Higher in English gained through study at a UK school begun when under 18.
- If you are studying at degree level or above your Higher Education Provider can assess your level of English – and may ask you to do a different test.



Funds

You need enough money to pay for your course and support yourself in the UK.

You may need to provide evidence that you have enough money to cover your living costs – how much depends on where you will be studying:

- London - £1,483 for each month of the course (max 9 months)
- Rest of the UK - £1,136 for each month of the course (max 9 months)

You can prove you have enough money through:

- ✓ Cash in a savings account - in student or parent/guardian's name
- ✓ Student loan
- ✓ Official financial or government sponsorship or grant

Funds must have been held for at least 28 consecutive days prior to submitting your application.

Funds

You may not need to prove you have money to support yourself if:

- you've had a UK visa for 12 months prior to the date of your Student visa application – you must currently be in the UK
- you're applying as a student union sabbatical officer
- you're applying as a postgraduate doctor or dentist on a recognised foundation programme

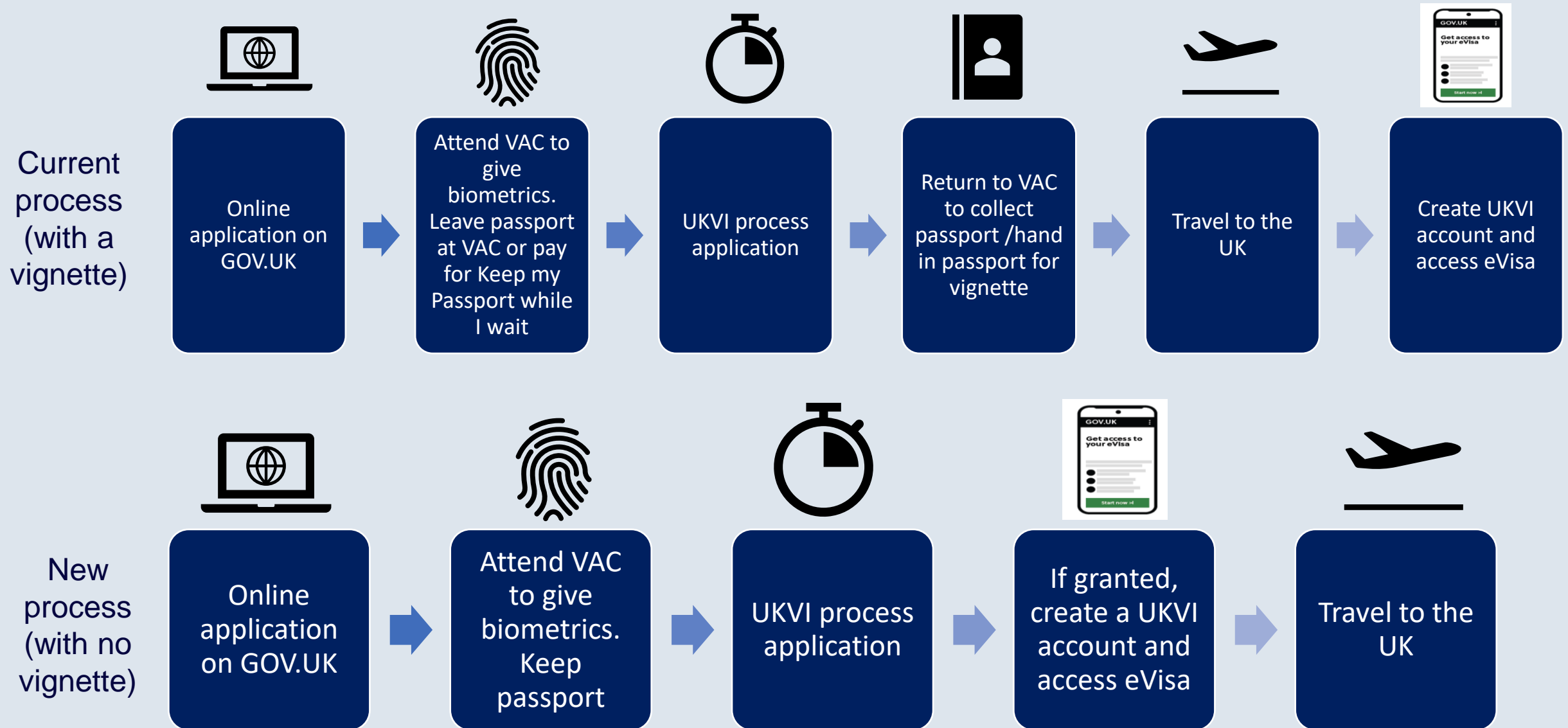
Differential evidence requirement

You do not need to prove you have enough money to support yourself if you are a British National (Overseas) ((BN(O))) or from one of the countries or territories listed under the 'differential evidence requirement'. However you do need to have enough funds to make an application.

For more information see www.gov.uk/student-visa/money



Visa application process – Improving the Customer Journey with eVisas



Visa Application Centres (VACs)

Our VACs are run by VFS Global, an external company contracted by UKVI to provide front-end customer services. Once you've chosen and paid for your visa, you'll be automatically redirected to their website where you can book an appointment to provide your biometric information (your fingerprints and photograph).



VFS Global

www.vfsglobal.com/en/individuals/index.html

Customers applying within the UK will usually need to use UKVCAS (UK Visa and Citizenship Services). The UKVCAS service points are managed by our commercial partner TLSContact.

Find out more: <https://vcas.tlscontact.com/>



Processing times (from outside the UK)

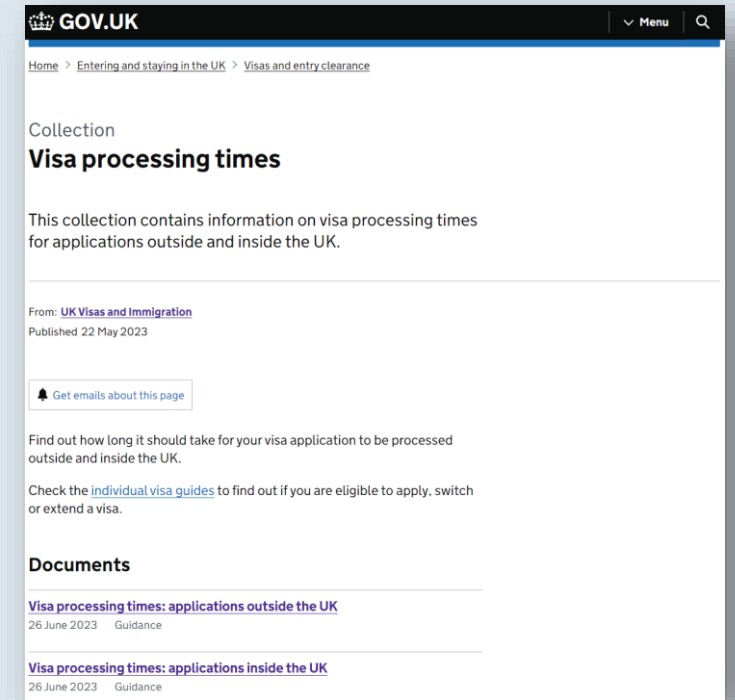
- UKVI starts processing your application once you submit your application (including biometrics) on the [UK Immigration: ID Check app](#) or at a [VAC](#).
- Processing times usually take up to **3 weeks**
- You may be able to pay to get a faster decision on your application.
 - within **5 working days** ('**Priority Visa service**')
 - by the end of the **next working day** ('**Super Priority Visa service**')
- Applications [may take longer to process](#), some reasons for this may include:
 - the information in your application is not accurate or requires further consideration
 - you need to provide further evidence, for example evidence of funds



Processing times (from outside the UK)

UKVI will contact you once a [decision has been made on your application](#).

You do not need to contact UKVI to track your application if you've already made a visa application and it is still within current processing times.



Find out more:

www.gov.uk/guidance/visa-processing-times-applications-outside-the-uk



What does an eVisa look like?

GOV.UK View and prove your immigration status

Beta This is a new service – your [feedback](#) will help us to improve it.

Your immigration status

Name	Jane Smith
Date of birth	5 September 1980
Nationality	SWE
Status	Customer Status
Valid from	1 September 2022
Valid until	1 January 2040
National Insurance number	KM 34 45 68 A

sample photo

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If any of the information displayed is incorrect, [contact UK Visas and Immigration](#).

Prove your status

If you need to prove your immigration status to someone, you can do this online with a share code.

[Get a share code](#)

- **An eVisa is a person's digital immigration permission for the UK.** It's like a digital version of a visa sticker in a person's passport – it shows what a person can and cannot do while in the UK.
- The UKVI account is the digital platform where a person can view their eVisa.
- How do they work together? The eVisa lives inside the UKVI account. You'll always see them together when you log in. They're separate tools but work as one system.
- To use a simple comparison: if the UKVI account is like a digital passport, then the eVisa is like the visa page inside it.

The image on this slide is a sample screen of a person's UKVI account, which shows their eVisa.

Travel to the UK

You can travel to the UK before your course starts:


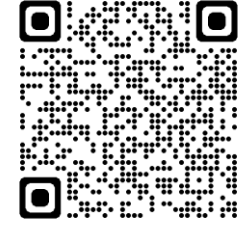
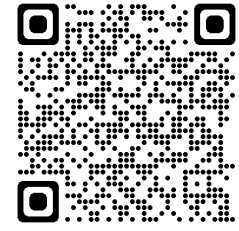

- Up to 1 week before if course lasts 6 months or less
- Up to 1 month before if course lasts more than 6 months



You must not travel to the UK before the start date given on your visa










Links to general information & QR codes

Student visa information	www.gov.uk/student-visa	
Graduate visa information	www.gov.uk/graduate-visa	
Documents required	www.gov.uk/student-visa/documents-you-must-provide	
Funds	www.gov.uk/student-visa/money	

Useful Links & QR codes

UK Immigration: ID Check app	www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-uk-immigration-id-check-app	
View and prove your immigration status	www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status	
Processing times	www.gov.uk/guidance/visa-processing-times-applications-outside-the-uk	
VFS.Global	www.vfsglobal.com/en/individuals/index.html	
TLSSContact	https://vcas.tlscontact.com/	

Useful Links & QR codes for eVisa queries

What are eVisas and who requires one	Online immigration status (eVisa) - GOV.UK	
How to get access to your eVisa	Get access to your online immigration status (eVisa) - GOV.UK	
How to view and prove your immigration status to a third party	View and prove your immigration status: get a share code - GOV.UK	
How to update your eVisa details	Update your UK Visas and Immigration account details: Overview - GOV.UK	
How to report an error with your eVisa	Report an error with your eVisa - GOV.UK	
How to recover your UKVI account if you lose access to it	Recover your UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) account - Recover account - GOV.UK	
How to use the UK Immigration ID Check App when creating your UKVI account	Using the 'UK Immigration: ID Check' app - GOV.UK	

Helpful Videos & QR codes

What is an eVisa? (video)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/online-immigration-status-evisa-help-video/what-is-an-evisa	
How to create a UKVI account and access your eVisa	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/online-immigration-status-evisa-help-video/how-to-create-a-ukvi-account-and-access-your-evisa	
How to travel with your eVisa	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/online-immigration-status-evisa-help-video/how-to-travel-with-your-evisa-video	
How to prove your immigration status with an eVisa	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/online-immigration-status-evisa-help-video/how-to-prove-your-immigration-status-using-your-evisa-video	

Contact UKVI

If you require further information or have any queries, you can contact UKVI online or by phone:

www.gov.uk/contact-ukvi-inside-outside-uk

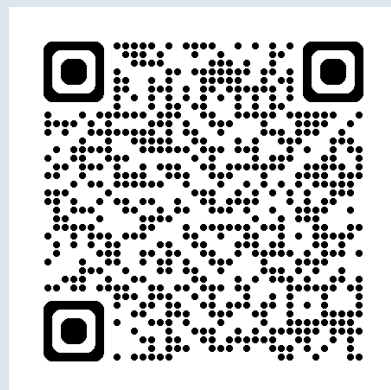




More information can be found on UKVI's X (Twitter) page.
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