

**INTERNATIONAL ADVICE & COMPLIANCE TEAM**

**Student Visa Online Application in the UK**

The following link takes you to the Student Visa application form for use in the UK:

<https://visas-immigration.service.gov.uk/product/student>

You can save your application and go back to it later.

You should answer “No” to the questions “Do you have an immigration adviser based in the UK?” and “Do you want to add a helper to your account?”.

The University’s Sponsor Licence Number is **1GF1B20B2**. Your CAS number is a unique number issued to you.If you are continuing with the same course, we will request a new CAS for you after we have assessed your situation. **Do not put your old CAS number on the form.**

**Please stop at the CAS section**

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You should complete as much of the form as possible.  **Do not make any payments** until your application form and documents have been checked by an International Student Adviser.

**List of Requirements**

A Debit or Credit Card to pay for your application online

Current passport for yourself and any dependants

Biometric Residence Permit (if you have been issued with one) for yourself and any dependants

National Identity Card Number (if still valid)

**Sponsor’s Letter** from government, agency or international company confirming funding. Even if your funding has ceased or you come under the 12-month rule below, you will still need a “No Objection” letter confirming that your sponsor is happy for you to stay for a further period in the UK.

If your dependant has, in the 12 months before the date of application, completed a course of studies in the UK for which they have been awarded a scholarship or sponsorship by a Government or international scholarship agency covering both fees and living costs for study in the UK, they must also provide written consent to the application from that Government or agency.

**ATAS Certificate** (if applicable) - this is for postgraduate students studying certain subjects – see

[www.gov.uk/academic-technology-approval-scheme](http://www.gov.uk/academic-technology-approval-scheme)

**Financial Evidence**

If you have been living in the UK with a valid visa for more than 12 months, and without any prolonged absences within the last 12 months, you do not need to show financial evidence.

If you have been in the UK for less than 12 months you will need to show financial evidence as follows:

**Personal bank statements** (your account, parents’ account or joint account - not a company or business account) dated no more than 31 days before the date of your application. The date is taken from the **closing balance** on the account not the statement date. The statement must show that the correct level of funding as specified in the Student guidance (fees and living expenses/maintenance) has been held in your account for a period of **at least 28 days prior to your visa application**. The amount required for students is £1023 per month up to a maximum of 9 months (study period) and for each dependant £680 per month up to a maximum of 9 months (visa period).

**Low Risk National - Differential Evidence Requirement**

Nationals of certain countries are classed as ‘Low Risk’. This is referred to as ‘Differentiation Arrangements’ or ‘Differential Evidence’ by UK Visas.  A list of nationalities can be found under *ST 22.1 Differential evidence requirement for a Student* on the following website:

[Immigration Rules - Immigration Rules: Appendix Student - Guidance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/appendix-student)

The Student Rules say:

**Differential evidence requirement for a Student**

Evidence to show that the applicant meets the financial requirement and the requirement to provide documents used to obtain an offer does not need to be provided with the application (but may be required by the decision maker) if the applicant is applying from the country or territory where they are living, or from in the UK ………….

**New Course or New Student** - Certificates/Transcripts of qualifications listed in Offer Letter. If not in English, official translation required.

**Dependants**

If your dependants are applying at the same time as you, you must set up individual forms linked to your application. Further information can be found on the following websites:

[Student visa : Your partner and children - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/family-members)

[UKCISA - international student advice and guidance - Dependants](https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Visas-and-Immigration/Dependants)

**Immigration Health Surcharge**

As part of your Student visa application, you are required to pay an Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) for yourself and any dependants.

The process for doing this is integrated into the online Student visa application form. As you work your way through the form, you will be taken to a section which assesses how much you are required to pay. You will have to make this payment before you can complete the online visa application.

The cost for students is **£776** per year of study.

If your visa extension is for less than 6 months you will have to pay **£388**.

Please note you are also charged for the extra 4 months granted on your visa after your course end date.

You will pay half the yearly amount if the total time includes part of a year that is less than 6 months or the whole yearly amount if the total time includes part of a year that is more than 6 months.

The charge for each dependant is the same amount as the charge for the main student.

The exact amount depends on how much ‘leave’ you will be granted. The initial assessment is not always accurate so UK Visas & Immigration might have to contact you to make a top-up payment or you might get a partial refund if you have paid too much. This will only be worked out by the caseworker once you have submitted your visa application.

You can try and check the amount on the following web page:

[Calculate Immigration Health Surcharge - GOV.UK (immigration-health-surcharge.service.gov.uk)](https://www.immigration-health-surcharge.service.gov.uk/checker/type)

Once your visa has been granted, you will then be able to use NHS services. You will still be required to pay for dental treatment but prescriptions and eye tests are free in Scotland.

**Babies born in Scotland**

Babies born in the UK can remain here for the duration of your study because they are not required by UK law to make an immigration application. However, a visa will be required to re-enter the UK after any travel abroad.

Babies born in Scotland to an international student on a full-time course of study are exempt from NHS charges (on the same basis as residents of Scotland). This applies for the duration of your course and for one month after the course ends. This is not the case in England where babies are liable to pay NHS charges three months after they are born until they pay the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) as part of an immigration application.

However, if you apply for a visa for your baby even though you are living in Scotland, you will have to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) as part of that application.