

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVICE TEAM**

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# VISA APPLICATION FOR STANDARD VISITORS

This is information for people who are coming to the UK as tourists or visiting friends or family who are not permanent residents in the UK.

You can also use this visa if you are coming back to Aberdeen just to attend your Graduation Ceremony and your Student/Tier 4 visa is no longer valid.

**HOW TO APPLY**

You must be outside the UK and apply for the visa online. You can access the online form by going to the following web page:

[Visit the UK as a Standard Visitor: Apply for a Standard Visitor visa - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor/apply-standard-visitor-visa)

You can apply for a visa **up to 3 months** before your intended date of travel to the UK.

## DOCUMENTS TO BE SENT BY STUDENT TO PERSON APPLYING FOR VISA

Copy of the personal details page of your passport

Copy of your current visa (BRP)

Invitation letter from you explaining the purpose of the visit (for example – Graduation Ceremony)

Financial evidence (if you are supporting the visit, your last 6 months bank statements)

Proof of accommodation (if the person will be staying with you)

Letter from University (see below)

## DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED BY PERSON APPLYING

Current passport or travel document

Financial evidence (bank statements or payslips for the last 6 months)

Evidence of intention to leave the UK at the end of the visit

(for example, letter from employer, house ownership, family staying at home)

Documents sent by you (as listed above)

Further information can be found at:

[Visiting the UK: guide to supporting documents - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/visitor-visa-guide-to-supporting-documents/guide-to-supporting-documents-visiting-the-uk)

**LETTER FROM THE UNIVERSITY**

The University cannot provide an invitation letter for your guests, but you can get a letter either to prove that you are a registered student or that you have applied to graduate in person.

Letters can be ordered from the online store – [www.store.abdn.ac.uk](http://www.store.abdn.ac.uk) Go to **Product Catalogue** then **Students** then **Letter Requests**. You will find a choice of letters so you need to select the one which is most appropriate for the visa application.

**CONDITIONS OF STANDARD VISITOR VISA**

* Standard Visitor visas are issued for a maximum stay of **6 months**
* You cannot take either paid or unpaid work
* You cannot apply to extend your stay from within the UK
* You cannot switch into another immigration category from within the UK

Further information can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor>