



Pre-arrival visa information

What are your next steps?

When should I apply for my student visa?

Apply within 2 days of receiving your CAS to avoid delays. Ensure all your documents are ready.

What documents do I need to apply for a UK student visa?

Essential documents: You will need your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) letter, proof of finances, a valid passport, academic transcripts, and proof of English language proficiency. Make sure all documents are up-to-date and in the correct format.

Applicants under 18 must provide a copy of their birth certificate, a parental consent letter, and proof of UK accommodation arrangements. These documents are required to ensure legal guardianship and proper housing are in place.

Tuberculosis (TB) test certificate: Some countries require a Tuberculosis (TB) test certificate. Check if you need a TB test for your visa application.



Financial evidence: To apply for your UK student visa, you must show that you have enough funds to cover your living expenses and any remaining tuition fees.

- **Studying outside London:**
You need £1,023 per month, for up to nine months.
- **Studying in London:**
You need £1,334 per month, for up to nine months.

Financial documents and bank statements must be issued within 31 days prior to submitting your application. These documents should demonstrate sufficient funds to cover tuition and living expenses, with the required amount held for at least 28 consecutive days.

Student visa fees:

Visa fee: The standard fee for applying for a UK Student visa is £490**, whether you are applying from outside or within the UK. Expedited processing is available through premium services at additional costs.

Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS): The IHS fee, which allows you to access the UK's National Health Service (NHS) during your stay. The fee is £ 776 for every stay that lasts 6–12 months and £388 for any additional period that is less than 6 months.

Important: You must pay both the Visa fee and the IHS fee for the entire duration of your visa at the time of application. Failure to pay these fees will prevent you from submitting your application.

Course	Visa application fee**	Expected IHS fees	Expected Total Fees***
IYZ 4 year integrated CAS*	£490	(776x4) + 388 = £3,492	£3,982
IY1 3 year integrated CAS*	£490	(776x3) + 388 = £2,716	£3,206
IY2 1 year and 9 months integrated CAS*	£490	(776 x 2) + 388 = £1,940	£2,430
IS2 3 year and 9 months integrated CAS*	£490	(776 x 4) + 388 = £3,492	£3,982
IFP Approximately 9 months integrated CAS*	£490	£776	£1,266
IIM 1 term England 1 year and 4 months integrated CAS*	£490	£776 x 2 = £1,552	£2,042
IIM 1 term Scotland 1 year and 9 months integrated CAS*	£490	(£776 x 2) + £388 = £1,940	£2,430
IIM 2 terms 1 year 8 months integrated CAS*	£490	(£776 x 2) + £388 = £1,940	£ 2,430

*Visa is granted for the course duration as outlined in the CAS plus one month pre-study and 4 months post-study period
for standard services fees *Expected Total Fees to be paid at the time of visa application



Calculate your Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) here



More details on these services can be found on the UK government's official website.

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Frequently Asked Questions



Q: What happens if I use the same account for IHS payment and maintenance funds?

A: Using the same account for both can cause issues if you don't have enough money to cover both the UKVI maintenance requirements and the IHS fee. This may delay your visa application, as you'll need to wait 28 days for new funds to mature.

Q: How can I avoid problems with IHS fees and maintenance funds?

A: Keep more funds in your account from the start to cover both maintenance and IHS fees. It's best to use separate accounts for IHS payment and maintenance evidence to avoid confusion.

Q: How do I prove my financial ability to support myself in the UK?

A: To demonstrate your financial ability, you must provide bank statements or financial documents showing that you have sufficient funds to cover your tuition fees and living expenses for the duration of your course. These funds must have been held in your account for at least 28 consecutive days prior to your visa application. It is also recommended to have an additional £250 as a buffer to account for any currency fluctuations.

Q: What should I do after receiving my visa?

A: After receiving your visa, it's crucial to:

- **Verify your visa details:** Check your visa for any errors or incorrect information.
- **Correct errors:** If you notice any mistakes on your visa, return to the visa application center to have them corrected promptly.
- **Update CAS Shield:** Inform the Pre-Arrival team about your arrival by updating CAS Shield. You can also contact your agent for help with the CAS Shield update.

Q: When should I book my flight to the UK?

A: It's best to book your flight after your visa is approved. Ideally, you should aim to arrive in the UK at least a week before your course starts to settle in and attend any orientation events. However, please note that your course start date is different from the last enrolment date listed on your CAS. If your travel is delayed, you are still allowed to join up until the last enrolment date. Remember to update your arrival details on CAS Shield so we can prepare for your arrival.

Q: How do I arrange accommodation before arriving in the UK?

A: You should arrange your accommodation before you arrive. Kindly refer to pre-arrival webpages for more info on accommodation options. It's important to secure a place to stay before your arrival. Remember to update your accommodation details on CAS Shield after you booked it.

Q: What should I do if I have a medical condition or need special assistance?

A: All medical conditions should be declared during the admissions stage. If you did not disclose your medical condition or special needs at that time, you must inform your College (not the University) as soon as possible. If your condition was not disclosed before receiving your CAS, it's essential to inform both the admissions team and the College immediately so they can assess your needs.

Q: What is the Biometric Residence Permit (BRP), and how do I collect it?

A: The BRP is your official document that proves your right to study and stay in the UK. After you arrive, you can collect it from a designated post office or your university. We recommend selecting your university as the Alternative Collection Location (ACL) during your visa application for added convenience. It's important to collect your BRP within 10 days of your arrival to ensure you have the necessary documentation to legally stay and study in the UK.

Q: What Are My Options If My Visa Is Refused?

A: If your visa application is refused, you cannot reuse the same CAS number for a new application. Immediately send a copy of the refusal letter to the Admissions team, who will assist you in understanding the reasons for the refusal and guide you on the next steps, including reapplying if necessary.

Q: Can I get a refund on IHS if my visa is denied?

A: Yes, the IHS fee is refundable if your visa application is refused.

Q: What happens if there's an error on my visa?

A: If you find an error on your visa, take these steps:

- **Vignette errors:** Return to the visa application centre to have it corrected.
- **BRP errors:** Report the error online within 10 days of collecting your Biometric Residence Permit (BRP).
- **Important:** If you report a BRP error after 10 days, you may have to apply and pay for a replacement BRP. Always check your visa and BRP carefully to avoid any issues.