



**UNIVERSITY OF
WESTMINSTER**

**Protecting your
Student Visa**



What we are covering

- Visa documents (Evisas)
- Errors on your visa
- Your obligations
- University Sponsor obligations
- Tips on best practice



Your visa documents

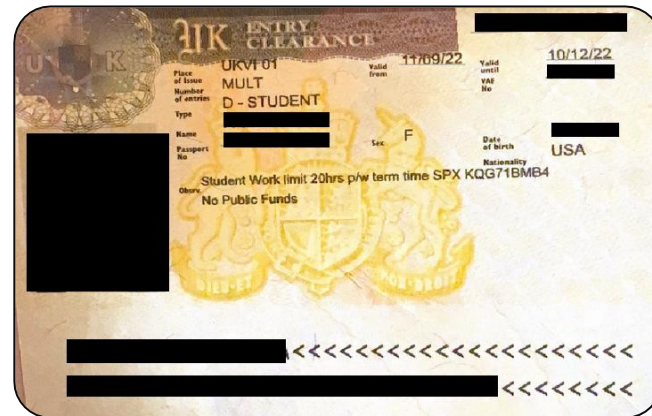
Evisas

Your visa may be issued in the following formats:

- Entry Clearance vignette in your passport if visa applied outside the UK
 - (temporary visa allowing entry to the UK for a period of 3 months)
- Full immigration permission for your student visa will be in the form of an Electronic visa (eVisa)
- Evisa only (in some cases)

Arrived in the UK without a visa or before visa issued?

Speak to the Student Advice team urgently



Your immigration status (eVisa)

Name VAL PHILLIPS

Date of birth 18 January 1997

Nationality IRL

Status Student Route

Sponsor licence number 4NUV7KB58

Valid from 22 July 2025

Valid until 22 November 2025




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E-Visas

Physical Student Visa documents will not be valid after 31 December 2024:

- You may need to register to access your E-Visa
- www.gov.uk/get-access-evisa
- UK Immigration ID check App to prove identity
- www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-uk-immigration-id-check-app
- You will then need to share your immigration status with the University
www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status
- Keep your account updated
- www.gov.uk/update-uk-visas-immigration-account-details/update-your-ukvi-account
- www.westminster.ac.uk/international/visas-and-advice/visas/student-visa/evisas



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Get access to your eVisa

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Overview

An eVisa is an online record of:

- your immigration status
- the conditions of the type of permission you have to enter or stay in the UK

If you have access to an eVisa, you can prove your immigration status online instead of using a physical immigration document like a biometric residence permit (BRP).

For example, you can use an eVisa to prove your immigration status to a landlord or employer.

Using an eVisa does not affect your immigration status or the conditions for

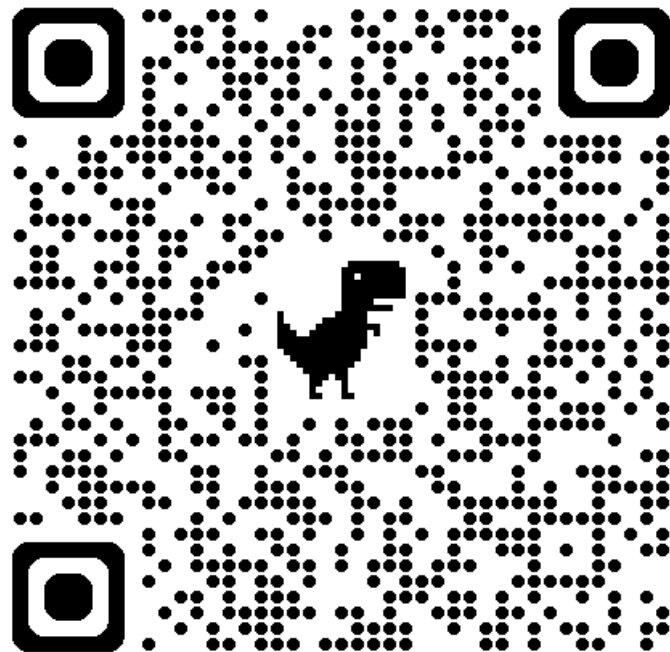
Related content

- [Biometric residence permits \(BRPs\)](#)
- [Update your UK Visas and Immigration account details](#)
- [View and prove your immigration status: get a share code](#)

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Length of your visa

- Entry Clearance vignette should be valid for 90 days (3 months)
- Most student visa (BRP/electronic visa) should be valid until the end of course + 2 or **4 months**
- Check your decision letter and register for e-visas

Type of course	Period granted before course start date	Period granted after course end date
A course of 12 months or longer	1 Month	4 Months
A course of 6 months or longer but shorter than 12 months	1 Month	2 Months
A pre-sessional course of less than 6 months	1 Month	1 Month
A short course (study abroad / exchange) less than 6 months*	7 Days	7 Days

Errors on your visa

If you notice an error on your visa, for example:

- Your visa is too short or too long
- The Sponsor Licence No is wrong
Westminster SLN is **KQG71BMB4**
- Your personal details are incorrect
- Your work condition is incorrect
- There is another error on your visa

Contact Student Advice for help if you spot an error

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Obligations: University and Students

- University of Westminster holds a Student sponsor licence which means it has certain obligations it must adhere to for each student they sponsor
- Your Student visa comes with certain conditions
- **It is very important that you understand these conditions**
- **If conditions are not met, your visa may be cancelled**



Attendance

- Make sure you attend regularly – and register your attendance!
- Tell the University if you are unable to attend some of your classes – you may miss an important deadline or a test: speak to your tutors in advance where possible
- If you do not attend regularly, you will be contacted to check the reasons for your absences
- If you don't have a valid reason for not attending, the University is obliged to report your visa to the Home Office
- Long non-attendance, even for a good reason, will result in your visa being reported – seek advice in advance

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Don't forget to register your attendance by swiping your ID card on the reader inside the teaching space until you see **a green tick** and **your student ID number** on the screen.

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Your obligations

- To know and comply with the conditions of your Student visa, including attending your course and not exceeding work restrictions
- To ensure your visa documents are correct and report any errors to the Home Office
- To avoid any period of overstay
- To tell the Home Office and the University if you:
 - Change your name
 - Change your passport or nationality
 - Change your address, email or phone number
 - If you get a criminal conviction
- Contact the Student Centre to report changes to the University
- See GOV.uk to report changes to the Home Office:
 - <https://www.gov.uk/report-error-evisa>
 - <https://www.gov.uk/update-uk-visas-immigration-account-details>

University Sponsor obligations

The University must report/tell the Home Office if:

- You don't enrol on your course
- You don't attend regularly or hand in work
- You take a break from or leave your course
- You break your immigration conditions e.g., working too many hours
- You change your immigration status

If the University makes a report to the Home Office

- **The Home Office will usually write/email you. Your Student Visa may be curtailed/cancelled.**
- You will normally be given 60 days to either:
 - Leave the UK
 - Apply for a different/new visa
- If applying for a Student visa, you will need a new CAS and will have to meet all the Student visa conditions; you will normally need to apply for a new Student visa from outside the UK
- **Always seek advice about your situation**



Changes to your course

- Your Student visa is issued to study at the University of Westminster
- If you do not enrol, or if you fail to continue with your studies, the University must report this to the Home Office and your visa will be cancelled
- If you have changed your mind about your current course, want to transfer to another course at the University of Westminster, there are specific rules which determine whether these changes can be made; see our website for more details
- If you interrupt your studies or wish to withdraw from your course, this can also lead to your visa being curtailed or cancelled

The screenshot shows the University of Westminster website's navigation bar with links: UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER, YOUR COUNTRY, VISAS AND ADVICE (highlighted), ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT, UNIVERSITY PREPARATION COURSES, STUDY ABROAD, STUDENT EXCHANGES, and CONTACT US. A search icon is also present. The main content area is titled 'VISAS AND ADVICE' and contains a sidebar with links: WHAT TO BRING, VISAS, STUDENT VISA, CHANGES TO YOUR COURSE: TRANSFERRING, INTERRUPTING, AND DEFERRING (highlighted), REPEATING PART OF YOUR COURSE WITH A STUDENT VISA, and STUDENT VISA ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS. The main text area provides information for students with a Student Visa, advising them to read the 'Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS)' and explaining that visa details are based on CAS information. It lists potential changes during studies and advises speaking to 'Student Advice' for more details. It concludes by stating that any changes to studies should be considered before taking action.

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STUDENT VISA ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

This information is for students who currently hold a Student Visa to study with the University of Westminster, if you are a prospective student and wish to study with us, please read the [Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies \(CAS\)](#).

Your Student Visa is granted based on the information recorded on your CAS. A CAS includes details such as the name of your course, start and end date, level, and the award you are working towards. Any changes to this information are likely to impact your Student Visa.

Some of the changes that may take place during your studies are listed below. This information does not take into account your individual personal circumstances, we advise you speak to [Student Advice](#) to discuss your personal situation in more detail.

If either you or the University is making a change to your studies you should consider the following before taking any action:

<https://www.westminster.ac.uk/visas>

Travelling

- You are expected to be in the UK during term time: your Student visa is issued for you to study in the UK
- You should not miss any classes or academic contacts because of travelling
- We recommend to use your vacation periods to travel
- See our website for more information:
<https://www.westminster.ac.uk/visas>

Travel outside of the UK on a Student Visa

VISAS AND ADVICE

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APPLYING FOR A STUDENT VISA

If you're a student in the UK on a Student Visa, it's important to be aware of certain information before travelling abroad as there are limitations or additional visas that you need to be aware of.

Travelling during your course

You should not miss any classes because of travel. Your attendance is monitored, and absences may affect your Student Visa. The guidance given to apply for a Student Visa will describe to the Home Office the reasons for your travel and the effect it will have on your visa. You should not travel for more than 30 days in any one year unless you have a valid reason for doing so.

Useful tips

- Always respond to emails from the Visa Compliance/ Visa Attendance team
- Always speak to Student Advice if you are not sure about your visa situation
- Keep a digital copy of your passport and any visa and other important documents
- Know your visa expiry date and ensure you either leave the UK before this date or apply for further permission to stay in the UK before your visa expires. Overstaying is a criminal offence and can have serious consequences.
- Keep your passport and visa documents safe when travelling abroad
 - If your passport gets lost or stolen, you may not be able to travel back to the UK
 - You will have to apply for a replacement, which can take a long time to arrange
- Make sure you register for your e-visa and keep your account updated
- If you need to extend your Student visa, always check the rules and make sure you meet them before applying



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**Working in the UK
during and after your
studies**

Working with a Student visa



Working as a student

- Helps with living expenses
- Allows you to gain UK work experience
- Helps with networking and may increase your chances of finding work after studies

But

- Must not interfere with your studies
- Is restricted by your visa



How many hours can I work?

- Most students can work **20 hours per week** during term-time (check your visa)
- Working above 20 hours per week is permitted:
 - during official vacation periods (Christmas break and spring break and summer break*)
 - Master's degree students do not have a summer break
 - PhD students need to request holidays from the Graduate School
 - Before the course starts and after it ends (usually CAS start and end dates)



What kind of jobs can I take?

You can do most kinds of work, but you **must not**:

- be self-employed
- engage in a business activity
- take a permanent full-time job
- be employed as a professional sportsperson or sports coach
- be employed as an entertainer



Remember your visa work conditions

Breaching your visa conditions can have serious consequences, including your Student visa being cancelled.

It's your responsibility to know and obey these conditions.



Practical information

- Your employer will ask you for a **share code** to check if you can work in the UK: www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work
- You may be asked for a letter confirming your **term dates**: www.westminster.ac.uk/official-letter-requests
- You will need to apply for a **National Insurance number**
 - You can apply before or after starting work
 - It can take around 4 weeks to get it
 - You apply online: www.gov.uk/apply-national-insurance-number

Working after your course ends



Student visa: 'post study' period

- You can work over 20h/week once you have completed your academic work, and your CAS end date has passed
- This is usually during the **last 4 months of your visa**
- You can't be self-employed or work in a permanent full-time role (Student visa restrictions still apply)

What if you want to stay longer?



What types of visas are there?

- Graduate Route visa
- Skilled Worker visa
- Youth Mobility scheme
- Temporary Worker schemes
- Innovator Founder route

... and more - see [UKCISA.org.uk](https://www.ukcisa.org.uk)



Graduate Route visa

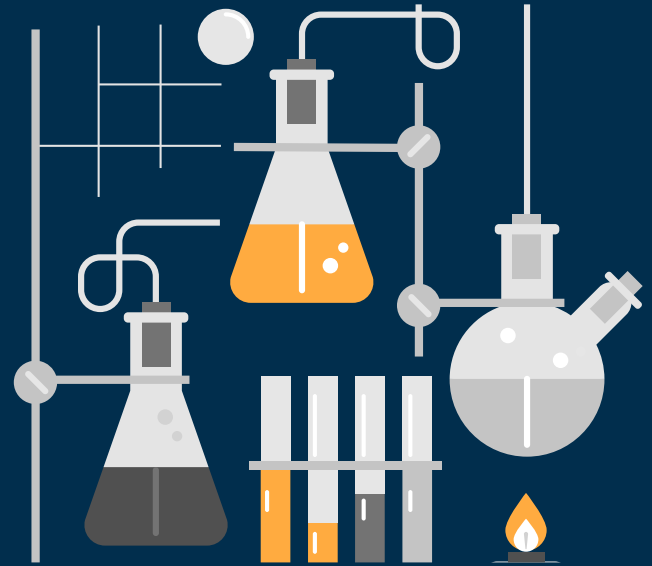


Key facts	
Type of visa	Work visa – after studies
Duration	2 years (UG/Master's) 3 years (PhD) Non-extendable
Main eligibility requirement	Studying and completing a degree course in the UK with a Student visa

What could affect your eligibility?

- Not completing your course or a delay in completing your course
- Changes to your visa
- Non-payment of course fees

Student Advice team at the University is here to help address your queries and advise on your options.



Skilled Worker visa



Key facts	
Type of visa	Work visa for a skilled job
Duration	Up to 5 years, can be extended
Main eligibility requirement	Job offer from a licensed employer for a role which meets skill and salary criteria

Further resources

Our website

www.westminster.ac.uk/working-in-the-uk-with-a-student-visa

www.westminster.ac.uk/GRV

UKCISA

www.ukcisa.org.uk

Get in touch with us

www.westminster.ac.uk/student-advice

