

STUDENT ADVICE

Student Visa Application Guide: Applying from inside the UK with the use of ID Check App



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Who is this guide for?

This guide is for students coming to study a full-time course at the University of Westminster, or continuing their studies at the University, who are either funding their own studies, are funded by their parents, have a US study loan, have Official Financial Sponsorship or are using a combination of any of these.

This guide is written specifically for students submitting their application from inside the UK who will be using the ID Check app as a part of their application. **Not everyone can apply for a Student visa in the UK. If you are not sure about your own eligibility, see [our website](#) for more information or contact [Student Advice](#).**

The ID Check app is available to those in-country applicants who either have a BRP or an EU/EEA/Swiss passport. If you cannot use the app, you will need to attend a biometrics appointment, and we have prepared an alternative visa application guide for you, which you can access from [our website](#).

This guide gives tips about completing the Student Visa application form. It does not cover all the Student Visa rules and requirements, it does not list all the documents needed and does not explain how to complete the application if you are applying to bring dependants.

We believe this information to be correct at the time of writing in March 2026.

Before you apply

You must make sure you have read and understood all the Student Visa requirements and have all the correct documents in the correct format before you complete your visa application. Use the resources below.

[Westminster University Visa Pages](#)

[Official Student Visa Guidance](#)

[Government Website – General Information on Student Visa](#)

Prepare your documents

Check that your [documents](#) meet the Student Visa requirements and get a [CAS](#) (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies). A CAS is issued by the University.

The application form is completed online, paid online, and submitted electronically. The date your application is submitted is the date you pay the visa application fee. You must meet the Student Visa requirements on this date. This means that your accompanying documentation must also meet the Student Visa requirements on this date. Bank statements used to prove funds must show the required amount of money has been maintained in the account continuously for at least 28 consecutive days before the application fee is paid.

Make sure to read about the [financial requirements](#) on our website. If you are submitting your visa application inside the UK and on the day you pay your visa application fee you have lived in the UK for at least 12 months with a valid visa, you will meet the financial requirement automatically. In all other cases, you must still meet the financial requirement.

Request your CAS

[CAS](#) is a mandatory document for the Student visa application, even if you are applying to extend your visa to continue the same course. Continuing students will request CAS by contacting the Student Centre.

New students must first accept the course offer and, in most cases, pay a [tuition fee deposit](#). If you will be attending the pre-session course, you must pay the full fee for that course. Exceptions may apply for students awarded a full University of Westminster scholarship or who have a US or Canadian study loan.

New students will apply for a CAS via the [Applicant Portal](#). You need to complete a Visa Check task and CAS Request task. You will need to submit your passport details, qualifications, and details of any previous UK visas or UK study. The passport details you submit must be for the passport you will use to apply for your visa.

You can apply for your visa once you have your CAS and are within three months of your course start date. You need the CAS number for your visa application and the course information provided on CAS is essential for the completion of the visa application form.

Consider timeframes

You must submit the application before your current visa expires. Most in-country visa applications are processed within 8 weeks of submission or attending a biometrics appointment, if required.

Latest date to enrol on your course: You will find the latest date to enrol listed on your CAS under the section 'Latest Date to Enrol'. This is the last date that you will be able to join your course. Depending on the type of your previous visa, you may be permitted to enrol on your course with a pending Student visa application. However, in some cases, you will need to have your Student visa granted before being able to enrol on the course (e.g. applicants who currently hold a Graduate Route visa). If you are unable to enrol by the given deadline, you will not be able to join your course and your Student visa will need to be cancelled.

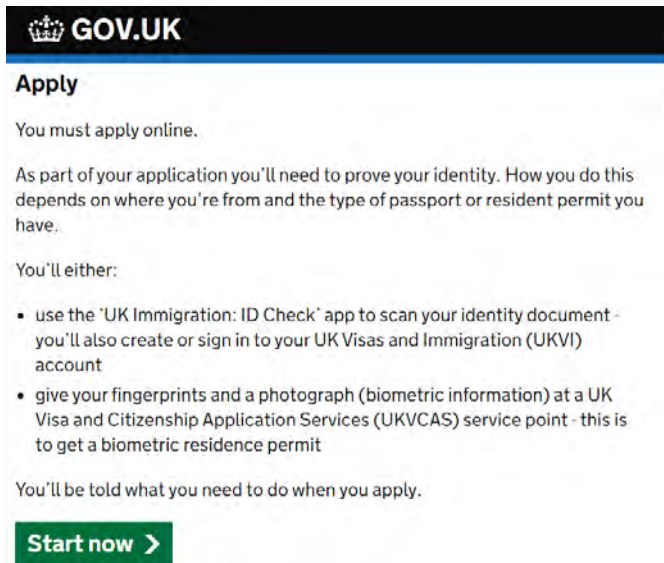
If you think you will not be able to enrol at the University by your latest date to enrol on your course, it is important to speak with the Admissions Office, as you may have to defer your offer to the next academic intake.

If your visa is granted but you do not enrol in time, your visa will be reported to the Home Office and cancelled. You will not be able to use this visa to study a deferred course – you will need to get a new CAS and apply again, usually from outside the UK. You will also not receive refunds of the fees you paid in the visa application process.

Student Visa Application Process

The visa application fee is £524 (£558 from 8th April 2026). There will be additional costs for priority applications. The Student Immigration Health Surcharge is £776 per year and £388 for up to 6 months.

When completing the online application form, you will need to confirm your identity. This will normally be possible with the use of the [ID Check app](#), as explained later in this guide. However, if you are not able to use the app or choose not to use it, you will need to book and attend a biometrics appointment at a visa centre in the UK. In such a case, the visa application process will be different, and you should refer to an alternative visa application guide for applicants who are not using the ID Check app, which you can find on [our website](#).



The screenshot shows the GOV.UK 'Apply' page. At the top left is the GOV.UK logo. Below it, the heading 'Apply' is displayed. The main text states: 'You must apply online.' It then explains that as part of the application, you'll need to prove your identity, and how this depends on where you're from and the type of passport or resident permit you have. It lists two options: using the 'UK Immigration: ID Check' app to scan your identity document and create or sign in to your UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) account, or giving your fingerprints and a photograph at a UK Visa and Citizenship Application Services (UKVCAS) service point to get a biometric residence permit. At the bottom, it says 'You'll be told what you need to do when you apply.' and features a green 'Start now >' button.

Starting your application

To access the visa application form, go to www.gov.uk/student-visa/extend-your-visa.

Or www.gov.uk/student-visa/switch-to-this-visa (if you're switching from a different visa type)

Scroll down the page and click the button 'Start now' under the heading 'Apply', as shown on the screenshot.

This will commence your application.

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Where are you planning to live?

England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland

Jersey, Guernsey or the Isle of Man

Continue

The first question will ask where you are planning to live.

Confirm that you are planning to live in England.

Do you have a current EU, EEA or Swiss passport?

The EEA includes the EU countries and Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway

Yes No

Continue

Next question will ask about the nationality listed on your passport. If you have an EU, EEA or Swiss nationality, please confirm. Otherwise, answer 'no'.

If you answer 'yes', please see the next page.

If you answer 'no', please go directly to page 10.

Confirm your identity

You will need a passport with a biometric chip.

Scan your passport and upload a photo of yourself

To confirm your identity, you will use the free UK Immigration: ID Check app to scan your passport with a biometric chip and upload a photo of yourself.

If you are applying for someone else, the applicant needs to confirm their identity - you can help them use the app.

If you cannot use the app to confirm your identity

You will need to go to a visa application centre after you apply instead. Visa application centres are not available in all countries.

Continue

Does your passport have a biometric chip?

If your passport has a biometric chip, it will have this symbol:



Yes No

Continue

**EU/EEA/Swiss nationals will see the next two questions.
Other nationals, please go to the next page (p.10).**

Next: Confirm your identity.

As a part of the visa application process, you need to confirm your identity.

This page explains that you may be able to use an app on your phone and confirm your identity by scanning your passport and taking a picture of yourself.

Read the information and click Continue to proceed.

Next: Does your passport have a biometric chip?

Check the cover page of your passport to see if it has a biometric chip and answer accordingly.

If your passport does not have a biometric chip, you will not be able to use the ID Check app, as you will not be able to scan your passport through the app. You will still be able to submit the online application form, but you will also need to visit a visa application centre to confirm your identity. If this is the case, answer 'No' and refer to a separate visa application guidance for those who are applying from the UK without the use of ID Check app.

Do you have a UK biometric residence permit (BRP)?

This includes an expired BRP. If you lost your BRP, select No.

Yes No

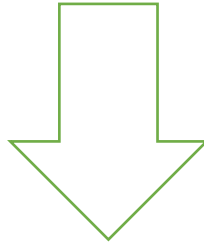
Continue

Non-EU/EEA/Swiss nationals only

If you **do not** have an EU, EEA, or Swiss passport, you will be asked if you have a BRP card.

You must have the actual BRP card (not a photo of it) to answer 'yes'. If your BRP is expired but you still have the card, you will answer 'yes'.

If you have never had a BRP or your BRP is lost, answer 'no'. In this case, you will not be able to use the ID Check app. You will still be able to submit the online application form, but you will also need to visit a visa application centre to confirm your identity. If this is the case, answer 'No' and refer to a separate visa application guidance for those who are applying from the UK without the use of ID Check app.



Has your biometric residence permit (BRP) expired?

This means your BRP 'valid until' date is in the past.

- Yes No

Continue

When did your biometric residence permit (BRP) expire?

- It expired less than 18 months ago
- It expired more than 18 months ago

Continue

Next: Has your biometrics residence permit (BRP) expired?

Most BRPs expired by the end of 2024, as we now use electronic visas (e-visas). If your BRP card is expired, you will answer 'yes'.

Please note: your actual visa (e-visa) should still be valid if you are applying for a Student visa in the UK. If your e-visa has also expired, you should contact [Student Advice](#) without further delay.

Next: When did your BRP expire?

If your BRP card expired within the last 18 months, you will be asked if you previously attended a biometrics appointment as a part of a visa application process, and whether your name is the same on your BRP and on your current passport. If you answer 'yes' to all these questions, you may be able to use the ID check app as a part of the application process.

If the answer to any of the questions is 'no', you won't be able to use the ID Check app; in such a case, you will need to attend a biometrics appointment in person instead and will need to use an alternative guide.

Check you can use the app

You can use the app on:

- an iPhone 7 or newer models
- an Android phone with near-field communication (NFC)

Check the phone's settings to see if it has NFC. The phone has NFC if you can use it to make contactless payments.

If you do not have a phone

Ask a friend or family member if you can use their phone. No information is stored on the app or phone after you close it.

You do not have to apply on the phone - you can do the rest of your application on your computer or another device.

We will send your decision letter by email – this can be your email or someone else's. You do not use your decision letter to prove your status.

[Continue](#)

[I cannot use the app](#)

[I am applying in the UK and I cannot receive my decision letter by email](#)

If you do not have a phone or cannot receive your decision letter by email

You cannot use the app to prove your identity and you will have to apply a different way.

You will need to book an appointment to have your fingerprints and photo taken after you apply

If you are applying outside the UK

Your appointment will be at a visa application centre.

Check if there is a [visa application centre](#) near you. Visa application centres are not available in all countries. You may also need to pay for some services.

If you are applying in the UK

Your appointment will be at a [UK Visa and Citizenship Application Services](#) (UKVCAS) service point.

We will also send your decision letter by post.

[Continue](#)

All applicants

Next: Check you can use the app

You will now arrive at a page asking you to check if you can use the app.

Read the information and make sure you have access to a device which will allow you to use the app.

If you are not able to use the ID Check app, you will need to follow an alternative guide to the visa application process. You can find the guide on [our website](#).

Read through the information on this page and click *Continue* to proceed.

Next: If you do not have a phone or cannot receive your decision letter by email.

You will only see this screen if you cannot use the ID Check app. If this is the case, you will need to attend an appointment at an application centre after submitting your online application.

This guide is for applicants using the ID Check app. If you cannot use the app, please refer to a separate visa application guidance on [our website](#) for those who are applying from inside the UK without the use of the ID Check app.

Create a UK Visas and Immigration account

To use this service, you need to create an account.

Once you have an account, you can use it to confirm your identity, apply and use other Home Office services.

What you need

You will need your:

- date of birth
- passport
- email address
- phone number

If you need to give someone application access so they can apply for you, you also need their email address and phone number.

Who can create an account

You can create an account for yourself or someone else in some cases - for example, your young child.

Create an account

Sign in

If you applied before October 2020, you do not have an account (unless you applied to the EU Settlement Scheme).

To sign in, you need your identity document number and date of birth, and access to your phone or email.

Sign in

Creating a UKVI account

You will need to create a UKVI account only if you don't already have one.

Most students applying for a visa in the UK will have a UKVI account. If you can already see your e-visa online, it means you have a UKVI account. In this case, please scroll down and sign into your account instead.

If you don't have an e-visa and don't have a UKVI account yet, you will need to create your account first. In this case, select "create an account". You will be asked for your personal details: name, date of birth, nationality, passport and contact details.

Once you have created your account, you will be prompted to sign in.

Sign in

Which identity document do you use to sign in to your UKVI account?

This is usually the document you used when you created your account. If you have added a new document to your account, use the most recent document to sign in.

- Passport
- National identity card
- Biometric residence card or permit
- or
- I use a UKVI customer number

Continue

Sign in

What is your passport number?

Passport number

For example, 120382978

Continue

What is your date of birth?

You should enter this as shown on your passport, for example, 31 3 1980

Day Month Year

Continue

Sign into your UKVI account

What identity document do you use in to sign into your account?

This will usually be your passport, or the most recent travel document you uploaded to your UKVI account.

Select the correct document and click 'continue' to proceed.

Next: What is your passport/BRP number?

Confirm your passport or BRP details and subsequently, your date of birth.

The information must match the details of the document registered in your UKVI account.

Sign in

How do you want to receive a security code?

We will send a code to your phone or email address.

Applicant

Phone ([redacted])

Email ([redacted])

Continue

Problems signing in

If you no longer have access to your phone and email, [recover your account](#).

Sign in

Check your email

We've sent you a single-use, 6-digit security code by email to:

[redacted]

It may take a few minutes to arrive.

Security code

Continue

Next: How do you want to receive a security code?

Every time when signing into your account, you will need to use a security code. You can choose whether you prefer to receive it via text or email.

Select your preferred option and click 'continue'.

Next: Check your email/ phone.

Confirm the security code here and click 'continue' to log in.

Your forms

Student

Your application has not been started.

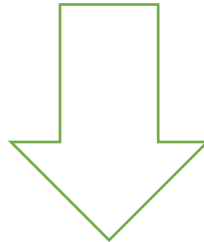
[Start application](#)

If you no longer want to apply you can [delete this application](#).

Next: Your forms

Once logged in, you will see the application which you have selected. It should confirm that the application is a 'Student' application.

Click 'Start application' to continue.



Apply as a Student

Unique application number (UAN): 3434 [REDACTED]

Date started: 10 April 2025

[Download application \(PDF copy\)](#)

If you no longer want to continue, [delete this application](#).

1. Identity and contact

[Confirm your identity](#) In progress

Immigration adviser details Cannot start yet

Contact preferences Cannot start yet

Other names and nationalities Cannot start yet

2. Prepare application

People applying with you Cannot start yet

Your location Cannot start yet

Personal details Cannot start yet

Family and relationships Cannot start yet

Living arrangements Cannot start yet

Travel history Cannot start yet

Criminality Cannot start yet

Study details Cannot start yet

English language ability Cannot start yet

Account security questions Cannot start yet

Declaration Cannot start yet

3. Pay and submit application

Immigration health surcharge Cannot start yet

Application payment Cannot start yet

4. Provide evidence

Evidence upload Cannot start yet

Next: Apply as a Student.

You will now see a summary of the steps to be completed as a part of your visa application.

You will need to open each section in the order in which it appears and answer the corresponding questions.

Once you have completed the required steps in a section, it will show as “completed”, which will allow you to proceed to the next section.

The application process is divided into the following parts:

- 1. Identity and contact:** your personal and contact details; confirming your identity using the ID Check app.
- 2. Prepare your application:** the main body of the application where you will be asked more questions about your own details as well as the course and University details – please check that your answers match the information on your CAS.
- 3. Pay and submit application:** you will need to make two payments to submit your visa application.
- 4. Provide evidence:** uploading and submitting your evidence.
- 5. Visa centre appointment:** you may see this section but not everyone will need to attend an appointment.

1. Identity and contact

[Confirm your identity](#)

In progress

Confirm your identity

The next questions will find out how you can confirm your identity.

Using the app

The quickest way to confirm your identity is on the 'UK Immigration: ID check' app.

To use the app, you will need:

- your identity document
- an iPhone 7 or newer, or an Android phone that can make contactless payments

You can use someone else's phone if you need to. The app can be deleted once your identity has been confirmed.

Going to a visa centre

If you cannot use the app, you may need to have your fingerprints and photo taken at a visa centre.

If you need to do this, you will be able to book your appointment later.

[Continue](#)

[I have already tried using the app and it did not work](#)

Confirm your identity

To proceed with the application, select 'Confirm your identity' at the top of the list.

You will now need to download the ID Check app onto your phone or other compatible device and connect the app to your application.

You need to complete the required steps on the app before being able to proceed with the application.

Make sure to download the correct app (as you will be instructed on the screen) and follow the steps on the app.

If you have any issues at this stage, consult this [detailed guide on how to use the ID Check app](#).

If you cannot use the app and select "I have already tried using the app and it did not work", you will be instructed to start a new application. In such a case, we advise you consult our separate guide which explains how to apply for a Student visa without using the ID Check app. You can find the guide on [our website](#).

Identity information submitted

Complete your application

You can either:

- continue and complete your application on this phone
- sign out and apply later or on a different device, using the link we sent to [REDACTED]

Continue

Sign out

Once you have successfully completed your identity verification via the app, you will need to return to your application form.

Sign back into your application and click “confirm your identity” again. You should now see a confirmation that your identity information was submitted.

You will now proceed to complete each section of the application form.


You will be asked to provide your personal details, information about your course, and other information required by the UK Visas and Immigration to process your application.

Make sure that all information provided is correct, accurate, and that it matches the information stated on your CAS. If you spot any errors on your CAS, contact the Visa Compliance team.

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Are you using an immigration adviser based in the UK?

Yes No


 You must tell us immediately if there are any changes.

[Continue](#) [Save and return later](#)

Which email address can we use to contact you?

We will send your decision letter and all application emails to this address.

If you have entered the email of your immigration adviser, we will always contact them. If you only want to be contacted via your immigration adviser, select your immigration adviser's email below.


 Choose a different email

[▶ I am applying in the UK and I cannot receive my decision letter by email](#)

[Continue](#) [Save and return later](#)

Next: Are you using an immigration adviser based in the UK?

This section asks whether you are using a UK-based immigration adviser. Please note that an adviser within the University of Westminster would **not** count for the purpose of this question.


Select the answer correct to your circumstances and *Continue*.

You will now start the next section: Contact preferences.

Contact preferences

Which email address can we use to contact you?

You must now confirm the email which UK Visas and Immigration will use to contact you. This must be an email that you check regularly. The outcome of your visa application as well as important communications about your visa will be sent to this email.


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Which phone number can we use to contact you?

We will use it to send you your decision and ask you to send us more evidence if we need to

 Choose a different phone number

[Continue](#) [Save and return later](#)

Next: Which phone number can we use to contact you?

Confirm your phone number.

Is your address in the UK?

We may use this address to send letters to you.

Yes No

[Continue](#) [Save and return later](#)

Next: Is your address in the UK?

Confirm whether your correspondence address is in the UK or not.

As you are applying for your visa in the UK, you should have a correspondence address in the UK.

What is your address?

Postcode

Find address

What is your address?

Address

Town/City

Province, region or state

Postalcode or zipcode

Country


Continue

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Next: What is your address?

Confirm the details of your correspondence address and *continue*.

You will now start the next section: 'Other names and nationalities'.

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Any other names

In addition to the names already provided, are you now or have you ever been known by another name?
You must provide all your names. For example, if you changed your name after marriage or have a different name that you use for professional purposes.

Yes No

[Continue](#) [Save and return later](#)

Your identity card

Do you have a valid national identity card?
This includes identity cards, issued from non-UK governments. This does not include driving licences. If you have an internal passport, provide the details here.

Yes No

[Continue](#) [Save and return later](#)

Other names and nationalities

Any other names

If you have been known by any other names you can state them here e.g., if your name on your degree certificate is different/you have changed your name.

You should only say if you have legally changed your name.

Please don't include any pet names/nicknames you may be called informally.

Next: Your identity card

If your country issues national identity cards and you have a valid card, you must enter its details here after selecting 'Yes'.

If your country doesn't issue national identity cards or your card is invalid, select 'No'. Please note that this is not the same as your passport.

Not every country will issue a national ID card. Even if you have one, you are not required to submit it with your visa application.

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Your other nationalities

Do you currently hold, or have you ever held, any other nationality or citizenship?

You must provide all the nationalities that you currently hold or have ever held.

Yes No

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Are your partner or children applying with you?

Yes No

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Next: Your other nationalities

You must enter details of all other nationalities that you hold or have ever held. You will then be asked whether valid passports and ID cards have been issued for these nationalities. If you do have valid passports / ID cards, you will need to enter these details on the form.

The nationality to which you wish to link your visa should be entered first, when setting up your account. This section is for other nationalities. The UKVI will only process your application according to your main nationality, which will be the nationality you entered first.


People applying with you

Are your partner or children applying with you?

You will only select 'yes' if your partner or children are applying for a visa with you as your dependants. Not everyone can sponsor a dependant.

For more information about dependants, have a look at the [UKCISA](#) website.

If you answer 'yes', you will be asked for the details of your dependants.

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Where is [redacted] applying from?

Enter the country in which [redacted] is making their application

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Your sex

Select the sex that is on your passport or travel document

Female

Male

Other

[Continue](#) [Save and return later](#)

Your location

Where is [your name] applying from?

The guide you are following is for applicants applying inside the UK. You will need to confirm that you are in the UK.

If you are not in the UK, please pause and refer to a separate guide. Please note that there may be additional requirements for students applying from outside the UK. Contact Student Advice if in doubt.

Personal details

Your sex

Confirm this in line with the information on your passport.

Your country of birth

Enter the name of the country as it was when you were born.

This may be on your birth certificate if you have one.

[Continue](#)

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Next: Your country of birth

Confirm the country you were born in.

Your home address

Do you live at this address?



We may use this address to send sensitive personal information and important documents. If we cannot contact you by email, we will use this address. We may use this address for correspondence about your application and may use it to contact you about your immigration status after your application has been decided.

You must notify us immediately if your home address changes. [Find out how to update your details here](#)

Yes No

[Continue](#)

[Save and return later](#)

Next: Your home address

Confirm your home address. You will be asked to provide the date (month and year) when you started living at this address.

If you have lived at this address for less than 2 years, you will be asked to provide your previous address history (to cover the last two years).

Yes

When did you start living at this address?
Enter the date format in MM YYYY

Month Year

No

About your home

Select which option applies:

I own it

I rent it

Other

[Continue](#)

[Save and return later](#)

Next: About your home

Confirm whether you own or rent the property where you live.

If you do not own or rent your property, for example, if you are living with your family, please select 'Other'; you will then need to explain your circumstances in the free text box.

If you rent the property, you will be asked to provide the details of your landlord, including their address and phone number.

Previous address history

You must provide any other addresses that you have lived at in the past 2 years

Is this a UK address?

You will be able to add details of any additional addresses when you continue.

Yes No

When did you start living at this address?

Enter date in the format MM YYYY

Month Year

Do you still live at this address?

Yes No

[Continue](#)

[Save and return later](#)

Next: Previous address history

You will see this section if you've lived at your current address for less than 2 years.

This prompts you to provide your previous address(es). You need to indicate if your previous address in the UK or overseas and then provide more details.

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Your relationship status

Do you have a partner?

This could include a boyfriend, girlfriend, husband, wife or civil partner

- No, I am single
- Yes, I am married or in a civil partnership
- Yes, but we are not married or in a civil partnership

[Continue](#)

[Save and return later](#)

Family and relationships

Your relationship status

You are now asked to confirm your relationship status. Select the correct option and *continue*.

If you are single, you will be asked whether you have previously been married or in a civil partnership.

About your relationship

Have you and your partner been living together as a couple for 2 or more years?

- Yes
- No

[Continue](#)

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Next: About your relationship

If you are in a relationship, you will be asked to provide more details. If you and your partner are not married or in a civil partnership and have not lived together for 2 or more years, you do not need to provide their details.

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Your parents

Can you provide details about at least one of your parents?
You must provide details about all your parents, if you know them

Yes No

[Continue](#)

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Time in the UK

How long have you lived in the UK?

Year(s) Month(s)

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[Continue](#)

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Next: Your parents

You need to provide details of your parents in this section. If you don't have your parents' details (e.g., because you do not know your parents), please select 'No'.

Please do not do this if you have parents but do not have their details with you at that time, you will need to ask your parents for the details before continuing with the form. If you select 'Yes', you will be prompted to provide their details, including date of birth and nationality.

Travel history

Next: Time in the UK

Specify how long you have lived in the UK.

Please note that if you have lived in the UK for 12 months and more with a valid visa, you will be exempt from providing financial documents to support your application. However, even if your visa covers the last 12 months but you have been absent from the UK for extended periods of time then you may be required to provide evidence of your finances. If unsure, please check with Student Advice.

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Time spent outside the UK

Since you started living in the UK have you spent time outside the UK?
Do not include holidays of 2 weeks or less. Include any periods of time you have spent on the Isle of Man, Jersey or Guernsey.

Yes No

[Continue](#)

[Save and return later](#)

Details of your time spent outside the UK

Where did you spend time outside the UK for more than 2 weeks?
You will be able to add additional details of time spent outside the UK after you click 'Continue'.

When did you leave the UK?
Enter date in the format DD MM YYYY

Day Month Year

When did you return to the UK?
Enter date in the format DD MM YYYY

Day Month Year

What was the reason for this time spent outside the UK?

You have 1000 characters remaining

[Continue](#)

[Save and return later](#)

Next: Time spent outside the UK

You will need to confirm whether you have left the UK for more than 2 weeks at a time since you started living here. Short holidays of 2 weeks or less should not be included.

Next: Details of your time spent outside the UK

If you answer 'yes' to the previous question, you will be asked to provide more details about the times you spent outside the UK.

You will need to add details of each visit one at a time.

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Travel to Australia, Canada, New Zealand, USA, Switzerland or the European Economic Area

How many times have you visited the following places in the past 10 years?

- Australia
- Canada
- New Zealand
- USA
- Switzerland
- European Economic Area (do not include travel to the UK)

- Zero
- Once
- 2 to 5 times
- 6 or more times

[Which countries are part of the European Economic Area \(EEA\)?](#)

Continue

[Save and return later](#)

Next: Travel to Australia, Canada, New Zealand, USA, Switzerland, or the European Economic Area

You must declare any travel to these countries in the last 10 years.

If you have been to any of these countries, you'll be required to provide more information about the country, purpose of the visit, date, and duration of the travel on the next page. You will need to provide details of your two most recent visits.

If you are a national of these countries, you do not need to declare your visits there as you are living there (unless you are a dual national and it is not your main country of residence).

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World travel history

Have you been to any other countries in the past 10 years?

Do not include visits to the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland or the European Economic Area.

Yes No

[▶ Which countries are part of the European Economic Area \(EEA\)?](#)

[Continue](#)

[Save and return later](#)

Next: World travel history

In this section, you must provide details of travel to any other countries within the last 10 years (not the countries you already listed in the previous section).

Which country visited – you can only select one country at a time. If you have been to more than one country from this section, you will be able to add it after you have saved the details of the first travel.

You should provide all information as accurately as you can.

Next: Medical treatment in the UK

You will be asked whether you have received any medical treatment in the UK. This includes visiting a doctor or a hospital.

If yes, you will be asked whether you paid for the treatment and subsequently, you will need to confirm various details about the visit, such as the name of the clinic/hospital and the month and year when you received the treatment. If you don't have all the details, try to be as accurate as possible in your estimate.

Medical treatment in the UK

Did you receive medical treatment in the UK after 1 January 2021?

For example, if you visited a doctor, clinic or hospital, this counts as having medical treatment

Yes No

[Continue](#)

[Save and return later](#)

National Insurance numbers

Do you have a UK National Insurance number?

Yes No

[Continue](#)

[Save and return later](#)

Next: National Insurance numbers

You will be asked to provide your UK National Insurance number if you have one. You would normally only have one if you worked in the UK in the past.

This is not a policy insurance number, nor your home country insurance number.

Driving licence

Do you have a UK driving licence?

Yes No

[Continue](#)

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Next: Driving licence

You will be asked to provide details of your UK driving licence if you have one. This refers to a driving licence issued in the UK by Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (DVLA), not a driving licence issued by another country.

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Public funds

Have you received any public funds (money) in the UK?

This includes benefits for people on low incomes, housing or child benefit

Yes

No

[Continue](#)

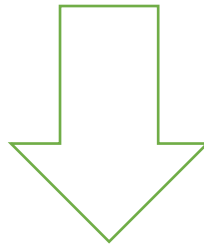
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Next: Public funds

Have you received any public funds (money) in the UK?

This includes benefits for people on low incomes, housing or child benefit. See further information about [public funds](#).

Many UK visas do not permit visa holders to access public funds.



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Your UK immigration status

Do you have a visa, leave to enter or remain or other permission to be in the UK?

Yes No

[Continue](#)

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Immigration permission

Next: Your UK immigration status

As an applicant in the UK, you are expected to have a valid visa or leave to remain. You cannot submit your application in the UK if you are here as a Visitor.

If you do not have a valid visa, please contact Student Advice for guidance on your situation.

Your UK immigration status

What is your current visa?

- Child student
- Student general
- Other

[Continue](#)

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Next: Your UK Immigration status – what is your current visa?

Confirm your current visa type.

If your visa is not listed here, select 'Other' and provide more details.

Your UK immigration status

When did your student general visa or leave to remain start?

Day Month Year

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Next: Your UK immigration status – when did your visa start?

Provide the start date of your current visa here. This will be stated on your [e-visa](#) if you have one. If your most recent visa was under 6 months and you received a visa vignette for the full length of the visa, your visa dates should be specified on your Entry Clearance vignette.

Next: Other Home Office applications

You cannot have multiple pending visa applications with the Home Office. If you already have an application for which you have not received a decision, you will need to indicate this here and your previous application will not be considered. This is only relevant to applications which are still pending, not to your previous visa applications for which you received a decision.

For most students, this will be their only outstanding application and you will answer 'NO' to this question.

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Other Home Office applications

Do you currently have an application with the Home Office for leave to remain for which you have not yet received a decision?

If you have submitted any other applications to the Home Office which have not yet been decided then submitting this application varies those previous applications. This means that only this application, which you are now completing, will now be considered.

Check the [guidance on varying an immigration application](#).

Yes No

[Continue](#)

[Save and return later](#)

Immigration history

For either the UK or any other country, have you ever been:

- refused a visa
- refused entry at the border
- refused permission to stay or remain
- refused asylum
- deported
- removed
- required to leave
- excluded or banned from entry

Yes No

[Continue](#)

[Save and return later](#)

Criminality

Immigration history

If you have never experienced any immigration problems, then please select 'No'.

If you have experienced any of these issues in the UK or any other country, please select 'Yes'. You will be required to provide more details on the next screen. This may not affect our visa application for the UK, but it will depend on the issue you faced.

You **must** declare any immigration issues you have had. The Home Office will also conduct their own checks. If you answer 'No' to this question and you have previously been refused a visa or any of the criteria apply to you, this could be viewed as deception. If deception is used, it is likely that your visa application will be refused, and you could be subject to a ban from entering the UK for a period of 10 years.

Details of an immigration problem

Give details of what happened

You will be able to add details of any further immigration problems after you click 'Save and continue'

- An application for a visa was refused
- I was refused entry at the border
- I was refused permission to stay or remain
- I was refused asylum
- I was deported
- I was removed
- I was required to leave
- I was excluded or banned from entry

Country

When did this immigration problem happen?

Enter date in the format MM/YYYY

Month Year

Give more details of what happened

Maximum of 500 characters

Save and continue

Next: Details of an immigration problem

If you answer YES to the above question, you will see this screen.

You must declare if you have had any immigration issues for the UK or any other country in the world.

This may not affect your visa application for the UK, but it will depend on the issue you faced and the reason for it, e.g., if you faced immigration issues due to working illegally, the UKVI may think you will breach your visa conditions again whilst in the UK.

You will be asked to provide additional information. Please give as much detail as possible.

Once you have given details of the immigration problem you experienced, you will be asked whether you have had any other immigration problems.

If you have experienced more than one issue, select 'Yes' and complete the information again.

Please ensure that you complete this section accurately. Failure to declare immigration issues can impact on your visa application, particularly if you fail to declare a previous visa refusal. Failure to declare a refusal can lead to a ban on immigration applications to the UK.

Breach of UK immigration law

Have you ever:

- entered the UK illegally
- remained in the UK beyond the validity of your visa or permission to stay
- breached the conditions of your leave, for example, worked without permission or received public funds when you did not have permission
- given false information when applying for a visa, leave to enter, or leave to remain
- breached UK immigration law in any other way

Yes No

[Continue](#)

[Save and return later](#)

Next: Breach of UK immigration law

Confirm whether you have ever breached any of the laws listed. If you answer 'Yes', you will be asked to include details of the breach on the next screen.

Failure to answer this question correctly could lead to a visa refusal and a ban from entering the UK.

Convictions and other penalties

At any time, have you ever had any of the following, in the UK or in another country?

- criminal convictions
- driving offences
- outstanding criminal proceedings
- cautions or fixed penalty notices
- court judgements
- civil penalties for breaking UK immigration law

Yes No

You must tell us about spent as well as unspent convictions. You must tell us about any absolute or conditional discharges you have received for an offence.

[Continue](#)

[Save and return later](#)

Next: Convictions and other penalties

Answer the questions truthfully, including information for ANY country (not just those from within the UK).

You must declare if any of these apply to you and whether they are spent or unspent.

If you need to declare a conviction or are awaiting trial, please contact us for advice.

Selecting an option from the list directs you to another page or free text box where you can add further details.

On the pages following this, you will be asked whether you have ever been involved in the following:

- War Crimes
- Involved with Terrorist activities or organisations
- Held terrorist views
- Extremist Organisation
- Expressed Extremist views

You should read all the guidance on each screen and must click in the box to confirm that you have read this.

Person of good character

Have you, as a part of your employment or otherwise, undertaken paid or unpaid activity on behalf of a non-UK government which you know to be dangerous to the interests or national security of the UK or its allies?

Yes No

Have you ever engaged in any other activities which might indicate that you may not be considered to be a person of good character?

Yes No

Is there any other information about your character or behaviour which you would like to make us aware of?

Yes No

[Continue](#)

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Next: Person of good character

You will need to declare that you are a person of good character or include any information regarding your character which you wish to make the UKVI aware of.

Please read the questions carefully.

If you answer 'Yes' to any of these questions, you will be required to provide additional information.

Employment history

Have you ever worked for any of the following types of organisation?

- Armed Forces (career)
- Armed Forces (compulsory national or military service)
- Government (including Public or Civil Administration and non-military compulsory national service)
- Intelligence services
- Security organisations (including police and private security services)
- Media organisations
- Judiciary (including work as a judge or magistrate)

Yes No

[Continue](#)

[Save and return later](#)

Your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies

Do you have a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number?

Yes No

Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies reference number

[Continue](#)

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You must check your CAS very carefully and ensure there are no errors or omissions. If you notice that there is an error on your CAS, contact the Student Centre.

Next: Employment history

If you have ever worked in the industries listed (including as an intern), you'll need to select the relevant option.

If you select 'yes', you will be prompted to provide further information about that work.

We recommend that you provide brief details of the job title, scope of work and dates that you worked in that organisation, if this applies to you.

Study details (CAS, Sponsor licence, course details)

Your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies

Your visa application will be refused if you do not have a CAS.

If you are applying for a Student visa, you must have a valid CAS number. Do not use an old CAS.

Answer 'Yes' (because you must have a current and valid CAS to make a valid application for a Student visa) and then enter your CAS number accurately (copy-paste from your CAS letter).

When will your course start?

For example, 27 10 2023

If you do not know this date, check with your education provider.

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

▶ [Why we need this date](#)

Continue

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When will your course end?

For example, 27 10 2023

If you do not know this date, check with your education provider.

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

▶ [Why we need this date](#)

Continue

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Next: Your course start and end dates

The next two questions will ask you about the start and end dates of your course.

It is important that you provide the dates exactly as listed on your CAS in the fields:

‘CAS start date’ and ‘Expected end date’.

These dates will be used to calculate how much money you will pay for the Immigration Health Surcharge and how long your visa will be.

Continuing students: If you are returning to the UK to continue your studies, e.g., after an interruption of studies or in order to repeat a module, please do not use the original course start date here, but use the new ‘CAS start date’ as shown in your new CAS. In a later section, you will be asked if you are continuing your course and to confirm when the course originally started

What type of sponsor will you be studying with?

The [Register of Student sponsors](#) sets out what type of sponsor each provider on the register is. A Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance will have the status 'Student Sponsor - Track Record'

- Independent School
- Higher Education Provider
- Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance
- Overseas Higher Education Provider
- Publicly Funded College
- Private Provider

Continue

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Next: What type of sponsor will you be studying with?

In this section, your “Sponsor” is the University of Westminster.

University of Westminster is a Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance.

UCAS details

Did you apply for your course through UCAS?

Yes

No

▶ [What is UCAS?](#)

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Next: UCAS details

If you are studying an undergraduate (Bachelors) degree, you will have applied through UCAS, so you'll need to select 'Yes' and then provide your UCAS identification number.

If you are a postgraduate student or if you are studying another programme (e.g., if you are doing General Course or are at Westminster on exchange), select 'No' as you did not apply through UCAS.

Sponsor licence number and address

This information is on your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) statement, or contact your sponsor to get their licence number.

What is your sponsor licence number?

KQG71BMB4

Postcode

W1B 2HW

Select an address

UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER, ▾

[Find address](#)

[Enter address manually](#)

[Continue](#)

[Save and return later](#)

Next: Sponsor licence number and address

The information needed for this section is in your CAS email.

The address contact details, and sponsor licence number are the same for all students.

Insert the sponsor licence number and the postcode and click 'Find address'. Select University of Westminster and *continue*.

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Primary site of study

Is this the site where the majority of your study will take place?

Yes No

[Continue](#)

[Save and return later](#)

Have you been elected as a Student Union Sabbatical Officer?

Yes

No

▼ [What is a Student Union Sabbatical Officer?](#)

A Student Union Sabbatical Officer works full-time at an educational institution, such as a university, or with the National Union of Students (NUS) UK. They are elected by the Student Union and get paid a salary.

If you are a Student Union Sabbatical Officer, your Certificate of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) will show details.

[Continue](#)

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Next: Primary site of study

This is the address where your course is held. This could be at the Marylebone, Cavendish, Harrow, or Regent Street address.

If you are studying at Regent Street, select 'Yes' as your primary site of study will be the same as stated earlier.

If you are studying at one of the other sites, select 'No' and insert the address as stated on your CAS.

It is listed on your CAS as the "Main Place of Study".

Next: Student Union Sabbatical Officer

Have you been elected as a Student Union Sabbatical Officer? Most students will answer 'No' and select Save and continue. If you have been elected a Student Union Sabbatical Officer, please contact [Student Advice](#) for more information

Course information

Name of sponsor institution

The school, college, or university where you will study.

Course name

Course qualification

[Read the guidance on what qualification levels mean \(opens in new tab\)](#) or ask your sponsor institution if you are unsure.

Select your qualification level

[Continue](#) [Save and return](#)

RQF1/SCQF4
RQF2/SCQF5
RQF3/SCQF6
RQF4/SCQF7
RQF5/SCQF8
RQF6/SCQF9/10
RQF7/SCQF11
RQF8/SCQF12
CEFR A1
CEFR A2
CEFR B1
CEFR B2
CEFR C1
CEFR C2

Next: Course information

You should complete this section using your CAS and copy the information exactly as it appears on your CAS.

Name of sponsor institution: University of Westminster.

Course name: Copy this exactly as it appears on your CAS, for example, Business Management (Accounting) BA Honours.

Course qualification: This question is asking you about the level of your course. Check the course level on your CAS. It's called the "academic level" referred to as RQF followed by a number.

Please note that the online form lists the academic level as RQF/SCQF. It is the RQF number that is important. For example, for an Undergraduate course it is RQF 6, and for a Master's degree course – RQF 7.

Are you applying to continue on the same course of study?

Select yes if you have been granted permission on the course before. For example, you may need to resit exams.

Yes No

[Continue](#)

[Save and return later](#)

What is your original course start date?

Enter the original course start date as shown under 'Course details' on your original Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS). For example, 27 10 2023

Day Month Year

▶ [Why we need this date](#)

[Continue](#)

[Save and return later](#)

Next: Continuing a course of study

This question asks whether you are applying to continue on the same course for which you previously held a Student visa.

You will need to answer 'Yes' if you are extending your student visa to finish your existing course. You will only answer 'Yes' if you had a Student visa granted for this course before.

If you answer 'Yes', you will be asked about the original course start date. This date should be listed on your new CAS, in the section "Previously a UK student?".

If you are starting a new course, you will answer 'No'.

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Financial sponsors

You need to tell us about any money you have got or you will get from an official financial sponsor. This includes money for a scholarship, internship, fellowship or training programme.

Examples of official financial sponsors include:

- governments
- universities
- international companies or organisations

[Continue](#)

[Save and return later](#)

Have you received money from a financial sponsor for either this current year or the past year (from to)?

Yes

No

[Continue](#)

[Save and return later](#)

Next: Financial sponsors

Official Financial Sponsors are defined as:

- the UK Government
- your home government
- the British Council
- any international company
- a University
- an independent school
- international organisation

Your parents, family members, family businesses and friends are not official financial sponsors, nor are US Federal loans.

Next: Have you received money from a financial sponsor for either this current year or the past year?

If you have had a scholarship from an organisation that meets the description above, select YES for this question.

If you have not received financial aid from any of the above, the answer should be NO.

[More details on Official financial sponsorship](#)

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Will you get money from an official financial sponsor for your course?

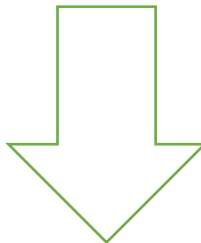
Yes No

[Continue](#) [Save and return later](#)

Next: Will you get money from an official financial sponsor for your course?

If you are receiving a scholarship from an organisation that meets the description above, select YES for this question.

If you are not receiving financial aid from any of the above, the answer should be NO.



Course fees

What are your course fees for your first year?

If your course is shorter than 12 months, state the total course fee. This information is on your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) statement. Alternatively, you can contact your sponsor for this information.

Have you or your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) already paid any of your course fees?

Please select No if your course does not have a fee.

Yes

No

[Continue](#) [Save and return later](#)



Yes

How much has been paid?

How can you prove this amount has been paid?

My sponsor has confirmed this information on my CAS

Receipts

Next: Course fees

What are your course fees for your first year?

Enter the amount stated on your CAS.

Have you or your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) already paid any of your course fees?

If you have made any payment to the University for your fees (this includes the payment of the deposit, if applicable), you should answer 'Yes' to this question. [See if you are required to pay the CAS deposit.](#)

Your CAS should show the same amount as you enter on the application form. You should ensure that all the tuition fees you have paid are shown on your CAS. However, pre-sessional students with a CAS for the pre-sessional course only will not have the deposit payment listed on their first CAS.

'How can you prove this amount has been paid?'

You should select that 'My sponsor has confirmed this information on my CAS'. We do not advise that you present receipts as evidence of your payments.

If the CAS details are not correct, e.g., you have paid more, contact the Visa Compliance team to get your CAS amended before you continue further with your visa application, if possible.

Student Loan

You must have enough money to cover your course fees and living costs. [Read the guidance document](#) to find out how much money you need and what documents you can use as evidence.

Are any of the funds required for this application in the form of a student loan?

Yes No

[Continue](#)

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Scholarships

Do you hold a Marshall, Chevening, or commonwealth scholarship?

Yes No

[Continue](#)

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Next: Student Loan

If you answer 'Yes' to this question, you will be asked 'Have you already received your student loan?'

You can only rely on a loan letter if your loan is from:

- Your national government
- Your state/ regional government
- A government sponsored student loan company
- Part of an academic or educational loan scheme

Your loan must be available to you before you travel to the UK or paid directly to the University before you travel to the UK, with any living cost portion of the loan being made available to you by the time you arrive in the UK.

If your loan is provided by your national government, the loan must be available before you start your course.

Next: Scholarships

Confirm whether you are a recipient of a Marshall, Chevening or Commonwealth scholarship.

Only students with these types of scholarships should answer 'yes' to this question.

Do you have a medical condition which prevents you taking the English language test?

You must provide a letter from a doctor to confirm you have a [medical condition which prevents you from doing the test](#)

Yes No

Continue

[Save and return later](#)

Have you provided evidence of your English language ability in a previous application?

You must have been granted a visa or permission to stay after meeting the language requirement at level B1 or above. For example:

- scored level B1, B2, C1 or C2 on an [approved English language test](#) which assessed your reading, writing, speaking and listening skills
- have a degree which was taught in English
- have an English GCSE, A level or Scottish National 4 or 5, Higher, or Advanced Higher qualification
- if you were a student, your sponsor confirmed on your CAS that you met the required level

Yes No

Continue

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English language ability

Do you have a medical condition which prevents you from taking the English language test?

This series of questions will ask about your English language assessment. The University has to confirm your English language ability on your CAS.

If you have a medical condition which prevents you from taking the English language test and you have an official letter from a doctor confirming that and the University is aware of the condition, select 'yes'. Otherwise, select 'no'.

Next: Have you provided evidence of your English language ability in a previous application?

If you have previously been granted a Tier 4 or Student visa and have proven your ability to meet the language requirement at the correct level, choose 'yes'.

Please check your CAS to see how your English language ability was assessed.

If your CAS states that your English language has been assessed in another way, select NO and answer the following questions according to your situation.

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Has your sponsor assessed your English language ability?

If you have been assessed, your CAS will say 'Higher Education Institution sponsor has made assessment' under 'English language qualification'

Yes No

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Next: Has your sponsor assessed your English language ability?

If you answered 'no' to the previous question, you will be asked whether your CAS indicates that your English Language ability was assessed by your institution.

Check your CAS.

If you are applying for a visa to study at degree level or above, the answer should be **'Yes'** – please check your CAS to make sure it confirms this.

If you are applying for a Student visa for a Pre-sessional English Language course and have had to take a UKVI SELT, you will need to declare this.

If you answer 'no' to the above question, you will be asked a series of other questions to determine how your English language was assessed. Check your CAS for English language information and answer the questions in line with your circumstances. If asked whether the University of Westminster has a track record of compliance, the answer is 'yes'.

Account security questions

Next: Talking to us about your application

You will now need to choose and answer a few account security questions.

Provide answers you will remember – you may be asked these questions if you need to contact the UK Visas and Immigration to speak about your application.

Talking to us about your application

Answer one question from each set of questions. If you need to talk to us about your application, we may ask you to answer these questions. This is to make sure we are talking to you.

Make sure that you make a note of your answers or give answers you will remember. If you contact us and cannot tell us the answers you have given, we may not be able to discuss your application with you.

First set of questions

Give an answer to one of the questions in this set.

- What is the name of the first school you went to?
- In what city or town did your wedding take place?
- What is the first job you ever had?
- What is the last name of your favourite teacher from when you were at school?
- In what city or town did your mother and father meet?

Second set of questions

Give an answer to one of the questions in this set.

- What is the name of the city or town you were born in?
- What was the street name of the first house or flat you lived in?
- When you were young, what did you want to be when you grew up?
- What is the name of your partner?
- What was the name of your first pet?

Third set of questions

Give an answer to one of the questions in this set.

- What is your favourite film?
- What is your partner's mother's name?
- Which city or town was your father born in?
- What make was your first car?
- What is your eldest sibling's middle name?

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Conditions

If your application is successful, there will be conditions on your visa or leave to remain. This will include, for example, whether you are able to work in the UK.

If you stay in the UK without permission:

- You can be detained
- You can be prosecuted, fined and imprisoned
- You can be removed and banned from returning to the UK
- You will not be allowed to work
- You will not be able to rent a home
- You will not be able to claim any benefits and can be prosecuted if you try to
- You can be charged by the NHS for medical treatment
- You can be denied access to a bank account
- DVLA can prevent you from driving by taking away your driving licence

I confirm that I understand and accept these conditions

Save and continue

Next: Conditions

This page informs you that there will be certain conditions linked to your visa if your application is successful. To read more about Student visa conditions, please see [UKCISA website](#).

It also warns you what could happen if you stayed in the UK without permission (without a visa).

Read this information carefully. You will need to confirm you understand and accept the conditions.

Next steps

You have four further steps to complete:

Declaration

You will be asked to declare that all the information you have provided in your application is true.

After you have completed your declaration, you will not be able to change the answers or information you've provided.

Payment of the Immigration Health Surcharge

You will be directed to pay this if it applies to you.

Payment of the visa fee

When you pay your visa fee (or we confirm that you do not need to pay a fee) your application will be submitted.

Evidence upload

After you have gone through the payment section and submitted your application, we will tell you if you need to upload any evidence to support your application. We will also tell you how much time you have to upload your evidence.

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Next: Next steps

You have now reached the end of this section. You will need to read and accept the declaration which will appear on the next page and then proceed to visa payments. You will not be able to change any answers once you complete the declaration, so please ensure all your answers are correct before proceeding.

DO NOT SUBMIT AND PAY FOR YOUR APPLICATION UNTIL YOU HAVE PREPARED YOUR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS. YOU MUST PROVE THAT YOU MEET THE RULES ON THE DAY YOU APPLY FOR YOUR VISA (THE DATE YOU SUBMIT AND PAY FOR YOUR APPLICATION).

YOU MUST SUBMIT THE APPLICATION BEFORE YOUR CURRENT VISA EXPIRES.

Pay and submit application

You have now completed the main body of the application and will need to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge and then the visa application fee. Both payments are mandatory for most students. Failing to make the payment when required may result in your application being invalid.

Immigration Health Surcharge

You will first pay the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS). It is currently £776 per year of the visa and £388 for any additional period that is 6 months or less. If you are studying a 3-year undergraduate course, you will pay £2716. You will pay £1164 for a 1-year postgraduate course. You should receive a receipt by email once you have made this payment.

The amount of IHS payable is calculated on the length of your visa, including any time granted before the start of your course and after the course end date. [Immigration Health Surcharge \(IHS\) | University of Westminster, London](#).

Visa application fee

You will then pay the visa application fee. This is £524 for the standard processing service (£558 from 8th April 2026). You should keep copies of receipts for both payments.

The standard service usually takes 8 weeks, although it can occasionally take longer.

Your application is considered as submitted once you have paid the visa application fee.

Evidence Upload

Consider whether you need to upload any supporting documents with your application. These will differ depending on your personal circumstances. There will be a document checklist on your visa application form.

If you have any issues uploading your evidence, please consult the [guide published by UK Visas and Immigration](#).

In order to proceed with your application, you must select **'confirm and upload'** – either to upload your evidence or confirm you do not have anything to upload. You should receive an email confirming the upload of the documents.

It is only after this step that your visa application will be put in a queue for processing.

Visa Centre Appointment

If you were unable to use the ID Check app to confirm your identity, or if for another reason you are required to attend a Visa Centre appointment, you will need to book a biometrics appointment in the last step of the visa application process. Please follow the instructions on your online application carefully.

After your Visa Application is submitted

Your visa application will be sent for consideration once you 'confirm and upload' your documents. In case you are required to attend a Visa Centre appointment, your application will only be considered after the appointment.

Waiting for the visa decision

Standard visa processing time for in-country applications is 8 weeks. Whilst your application is pending, you may be contacted to provide additional information: please make sure to check your email regularly (including spam) as there will be a deadline on providing additional evidence if requested.

You must not leave the UK whilst your application is pending. Leaving the UK will result in your application being withdrawn.

If your most recent visa expires whilst you are waiting for the outcome of your current visa application, your rights in the UK will be protected (you will not become an overstayer) as long as you submitted a **valid in-time application**.

An *in-time application* means that the application was submitted (paid for) before your most recent visa expired and *valid* means that the application met all the validity criteria, including providing a valid CAS.

If you do not receive an outcome on your application within 8 weeks, please contact Student Advice.

Receiving your visa

You will receive your visa decision by email. Please make sure to read this email carefully and save it for future reference. The email will outline the conditions of your visa: what you can and cannot do in the UK. It will also show the start and end date of your visa.

You will be granted with an e-visa which you can view using [Government website](#).

The length of your visa is determined by the length of your course. Your Student visa should be granted until the end of your course as stated on your CAS plus some additional time at the end:

- A course of 12 months or longer, + 4 additional months
- A course of between 6 months and 12 months, + 2 additional months*
- A course of less than 6 months, + 7 additional days*
- If your course is a pre sessional course, + 1 additional month

* If you are a continuing student and received a new CAS for a visa extension (for example, due to module retakes), your new visa should be granted based on the overall length of your course, not just the remaining period for which you are returning to your studies (e.g. if your original visa was granted with 4 months at the end, your extension – however short – should also be granted with 4 additional months after CAS end date).

Please check that your visa was granted for the correct length. If you spot any errors, you can report them on the [Government website](#).

Further advice

Contact [Student Advice](#) if you have questions about your visa application or the documents you need.