

Visa Application Guidelines

Students wishing to study in the UK will need a valid passport to enter the country.

Depending on where they were born or live and length of study, students from outside the European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland will also need a visa (official permit) to study in England.

Visa Types

Standard Visitor Visa

For students who want to study on a short course in the UK and will not work while they are here. A Standard Visitor Visa allows the student to study for up to 6 months. Cost £115 <https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor>

Short Term Study Visa

This Visa allows the student to study on courses lasting longer than 6 months and up to 11 months but does NOT allow the student to work alongside their studies. This visa is non-renewable in the UK. Cost £214 and Healthcare Surcharge usual cost £776 <https://www.gov.uk/vis-to-study-english>

Student Visa

For courses run by licensed student sponsors.

How to Apply

Guidelines on how to apply for visas can be found on the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration>

In order to enrol a student requiring a visa the school requires the following information:

Exact dates of study

Copies of Passport

Completed Enrolment Form

Full fees for the course and accommodation (if required)

Upon receipt of the above a letter confirming the student's enrolment will be issued. The student can then use this letter to assist their visa application.

Fees will be refunded if the applicant is unsuccessful (less a non-refundable deposit of £120).

Sponsored Students

Sponsored students should provide the school with a Financial Letter of Guarantee (FLG).

During the Course

Passports and visas are checked on arrival and those from countries which require a visa are photocopied. All of the required contact details are obtained from the student upon arrival. Students are asked to advise the office of any changes to contact details.

Attendance is monitored throughout the student's stay and the UK Visa and Immigration is notified of any sustained period of absence.

Useful Reference

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/studying>

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