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Visa & Immigration Team

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Visa FAQs

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Can I apply for my visa in the UK?



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- You can only apply to extend your student visa in the UK if your course starts within 28 days of your current visa expiry date
- If your current visa expires on or before 25 August 2025 and your course starts on 22 September 2025, you must apply for your next visa from overseas.





When will I receive my CAS?



Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS)

- A CAS is required for a Student visa application.
- If you already have a visa which allows you to study in the UK (e.g., dependant, BNO), you don't need a CAS.
- Your CAS contains information about you and your course of study at the University of Nottingham.
- A 'live' electronic document prepared by the University and held by the Home Office.





When will I get my CAS?

If you have a **conditional offer**, you will not receive your CAS until you have met all the conditions of your offer.

Firmly accept your unconditional offer





CAS verification

- Check CAS information in **NottinghamHub**.
- Check all information is correct.
- Verify or report any errors.
- Previous UK studies/time limits
- Receive CAS within 5 working days.





What financial evidence do I need?



How much money do I need?



You need to show that you have held the required funds for **28 consecutive days**.

You need to show that you can pay for the **first year of tuition fees in full** and afford your **living costs**:

living expenses of £1,136 per month for the first nine months of your course (£10,224) – or for the full course duration if it's shorter than nine months.





Visa application guidance

www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/visa-funding



Funding requirements

Financial evidence is extremely important for your visa application, and it's essential to get it right.



Funding methods

- Bank statement (self-funded)
- Financial sponsorship letter (any government, British Council, International organization/company or university **not family/friends**)
- Evidence of a student loan
- Differential evidence requirement: www.gov.uk/student-visa/money





Sample bank statement

BARCLAYS  

1. Financial institution's name and logo

2. Your name or your parent's/legal guardian's name

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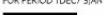
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3. The account number.

TRANSACTIONS from 

Date	Description	Details	Money Out	Money In	Current Balance
1 Jul	INT EARNED £1.71 LESS TAX £0.34 INTEREST PAID NET FOR PERIOD 1JUN/30JUN	Credit		£1.37	£8,364.89
6 Jul		Funds Transfer		£500.00	£8,864.89
3 Aug	INT EARNED £1.99 LESS TAX £0.39 INTEREST PAID NET FOR PERIOD 1JUL/2AUG	Credit		£1.60	
3 Aug		Funds Transfer		£534.25	£9,400.74
20 Aug		Funds Transfer		£400.00	£9,800.74
1 Sep	INT EARNED £1.90 LESS TAX £0.38 INTEREST PAID NET FOR PERIOD 3AUG/31AUG	Credit		£1.52	£9,802.26
2 Sep		Funds Transfer		£1,000.00	£10,802.26
1 Oct	INT EARNED £2.22 LESS TAX £0.44 INTEREST PAID NET FOR PERIOD 1SEP/30SEP	Credit		£1.78	£10,804.04
7 Oct	 NO INCOME FT	Funds Transfer	£400.00		£10,404.04
13 Oct	 BILLS FT	Funds Transfer	£130.00		£10,274.04
2 Nov	INT EARNED £2.28 LESS TAX £0.45 INTEREST PAID NET FOR PERIOD 1OCT/31NOV	Credit		£1.83	£10,275.87
16 Nov	 BILLS FT	Funds Transfer	£130.00		£10,145.87
1 Dec	INT EARNED £2.03 LESS TAX £0.40 INTEREST PAID NET FOR PERIOD 3NOV/30NOV	Credit		£1.63	£10,147.50
4 Jan	INT EARNED £2.36 LESS TAX £0.47 INTEREST PAID NET FOR PERIOD 1DEC/3JAN	Credit		£1.89	£10,149.39
8 Jan	 BILLS FT	Funds Transfer	£130.00		£10,019.39

4. The amount of money available.

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PLEASE TURN OVER

The funds you need to show for your application must be in your account for a consecutive 28 day period.
The balance should not drop below the required funds during that period.
The end date of the 28 day period must be within 31 days of the date you submit your visa application



MISS [REDACTED]

1. Financial institution's name and logo

2. Your name or your parent's/legal guardian's name

EVERYDAY SAVER

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Sort Code [REDACTED]

Available Balance £9, [REDACTED]

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Sample certificate of deposit



个人存款证明 PERSONAL CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Must be 28
days between
these two
dates

号 码 No.: [REDACTED]
开立日期 Date: 2014/09/10

兹证明 [REDACTED] 先生 / 女士

(有效身份证件名称: 居民身份证 证件号码: [REDACTED])

自 2014 年 09 月 10 日到 2014 年 10 月 10 日 在我行存款如下:

We hereby certify that from 10/09/2014 (DD/MM/YYYY) to 10/10/2014 (DD/MM/YYYY)

Mr/Ms [REDACTED]

(type of valid identification Chinese citizen identification ID No. [REDACTED])

has deposit accounts with the bank as follows:

存款账号 Deposit Accounts No.	存款种类 Type of Deposit	货币 / 金额 Currency & Amount	存入日 Deposit Date
000[REDACTED]0101	定期 Term account	CNY320,000.00	2014/05/21
		*****END*****	



www.oanda.com
Currency converter



What documents do I need for a Student visa?



Documents you may need to submit

- Passport
- Financial evidence
- Official translations of any evidence that isn't in English
- ATAS certificate (certain courses only)
- TB test certificate (if applicable) www.gov.uk/tb-test-visa
- Qualification evidence **not** usually required – if your course is at degree level or above

www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/10steps



Visa application guides

Example page of our overseas Student application form guidance



GOV.UK Visas and Immigration

1. Start 2. Application 3. Documents 4. Declaration 5. Pay 6. Further actions

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Documents

Mandatory documents

These documents are mandatory and you must provide them as part of your application. Tick the box to agree that you will provide each document:

☐ The passport or travel document for [redacted] from China

Other documents

If you do not provide these documents, your application may be delayed or refused.

☐ The birth certificate for [redacted]

This must be a full birth certificate that shows the names of both of your parents.

☐ A letter of permission from your legal guardian(s)/parent(s) confirming use of their money and relationship to you

If your nationality appears here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/appendix-student> (section 22.1) then you will not be required to submit evidence of qualifications or financial documents with your Student visa application. However, you should still hold the required evidence as you may be asked to submit proof at a later stage.

In this list, you could see a number of possible documents including:

- Passport
- Original qualification evidence (as referred to in the CAS) - **note this applies only to students starting a new course, not current, continuing students**
- Evidence of your SELT (Secure English Language Test) but only if referred to in your CAS
- ATAS (but only if referred to in your CAS)
- Financial evidence *

* You may not need to show this evidence if you qualify for differentiation arrangements based on nationality or if you provided this evidence as part of a previous visa application. Please see additional guidance above.

You will also see instructions relating to the process for preparing your documents for your biometric appointment. For applications where documents are processed digitally, we suggest that you should prepare and scan your documents according to these instructions to avoid any additional fees or delays at the Visa

Applying from overseas:

Step 6 of the guidance: www.nottingham.ac.uk/go/10steps



What is the Visa application process?



Visa process – Applying Overseas

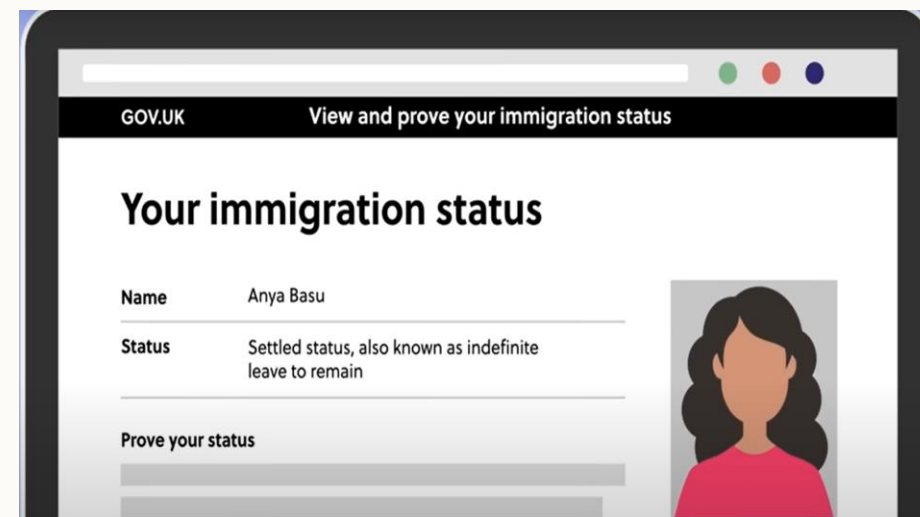
- **Apply online + pay fees**
- **Book a visa appointment** – give biometric information, passport
- **Find a visa application centre** – www.gov.uk/find-a-visa-application-centre
- **Wait to receive a decision** – processing times do vary - standard time is 15 working days. **There are no guarantees** with processing times.





Receiving your visa

- Most will receive a vignette visa (sticker) in your passport that will be valid for **90 days** to allow you to travel to the UK. You must enter the UK during this 90 day validity period to activate your Student visa.*Note - vignettes are being phased out from July 2025
- If your course is **longer than 6 months**, your full visa will be accessible via an eVisa. You won't get a physical copy of your full visa, but it will be held in an online immigration record called an 'eVisa'.





Accessing your eVisa

- When you get your visa decision email you will receive instructions on how to link your UKVI account to your eVisa.
- You will need access to a smartphone which is compatible with the [UK Immigration: ID Check App](#) to confirm your identity.
- You will be able to share your immigration status online and also generate a share code which you must provide to the University.





Getting ready for registration

- Please **provide your share code** prior to registration (and prior to arrival in the UK) via a [Digital Visa Status MS Form](#).
- You will need to be logged onto your University email account in order to access the above MS Form. You can register for your University IT account up to **4 weeks** before your course start date.
- Sharecodes and visa decision letters / letter can also be emailed to immigration-support@nottingham.ac.uk with your Nottingham Student ID number.
- Instructions are available via the In-Person Registration web pages <https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/studentservices/servicedetails/registration/in-person-registration.aspx>
- You will then show your passport, vignette sticker and evidence of your date of arrival in the UK in-person once you are at the University. This must be completed **within 3 weeks** of your course start date.



How can I avoid a visa refusal?



Avoiding a visa refusal

Top tips for a successful visa application:

- make sure you **know the level of funds** you are required to show
- show the necessary funds have been held by you or your parents* for **at least 28 days** in a registered financial institution
- **show that the 28 day rule is met very clearly** – either a bank letter stating this or a transaction history showing that the money has not dipped below the required level, even for one day
- make sure that your **financial evidence is recent**, showing a last transaction dated no more than 31 days ago, at the time you apply for the visa online

* You cannot use bank statements of other family members (such as aunt, uncle, brother or sister).

If your visa has been refused, the reasons will be stated in the decision letter. **Contact our Visa & Immigration team immediately and include a copy of the decision letter.** We can advise you on whether you should appeal this decision or make a new application, which will require a new CAS from us.





Contact us

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Thank you

Any questions?