

TIER 4 VISA GUIDE

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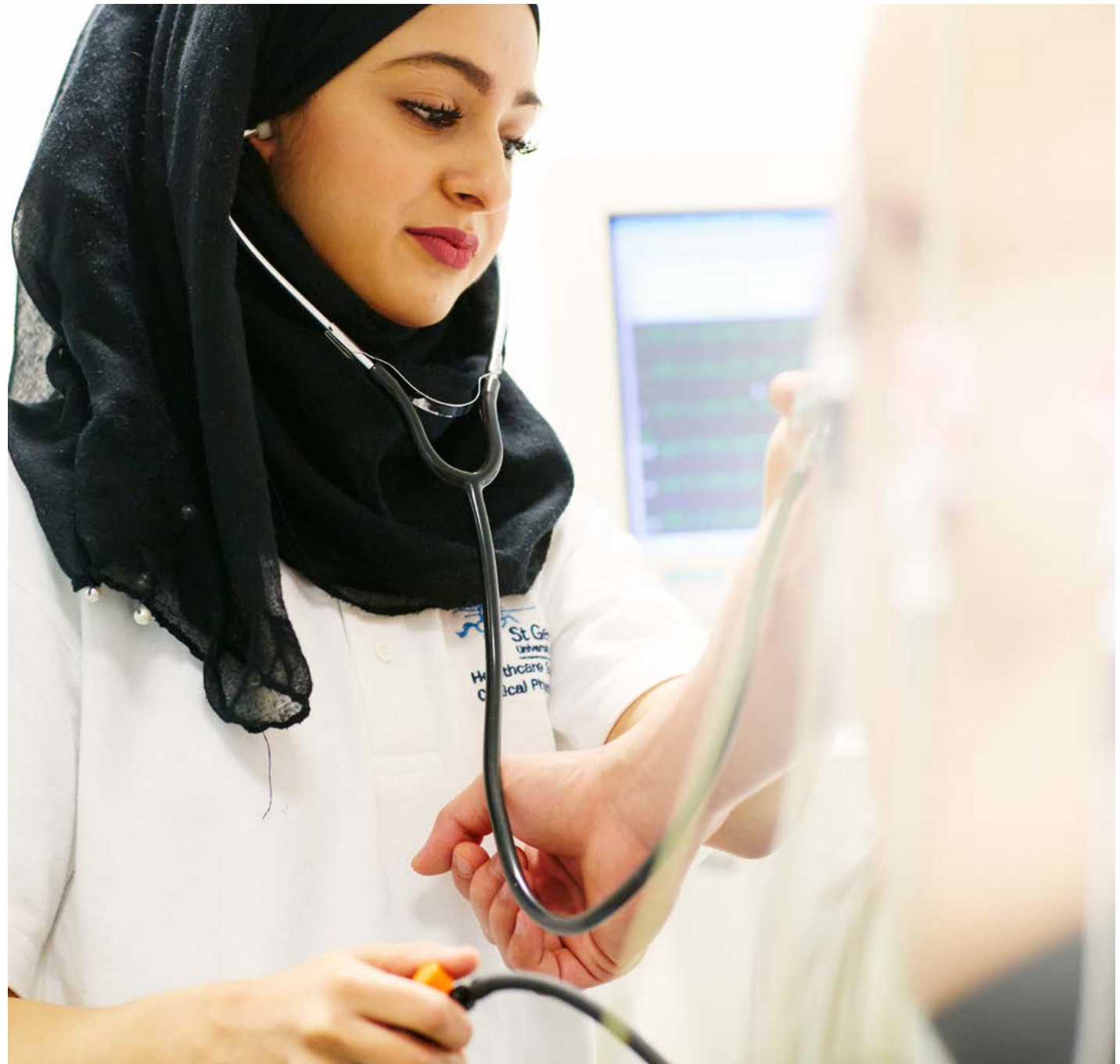
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INTRODUCTION

This guide has been prepared by the International Advising Team and is for students who are applying for their Tier 4 (General) student visa outside the UK. It gives an overview of the visa process including: financial requirements, supporting documents, how to apply and information about what to do when you arrive at immigration and passport control in the UK.

To accompany this, we have also prepared a **Guide to completing the online Tier 4 (General) application** which gives step by step instructions on how to complete the visa application form. **UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI)**, a branch of the UK Home Office, are responsible for making visa decisions. There is a charge for contacting UKVI directly regarding your Tier 4 application, so if you have any concerns, we strongly recommend you contact us so that we can make enquiries on your behalf.

WHEN, WHERE AND HOW TO APPLY?

WHEN: The earliest you can apply for your Tier 4 visa is three months before the course start date. **We cannot issue a CAS until you have met all conditions of your offer (including payment of the deposit) and, in some instances, we have checked your financial and supporting documents.**

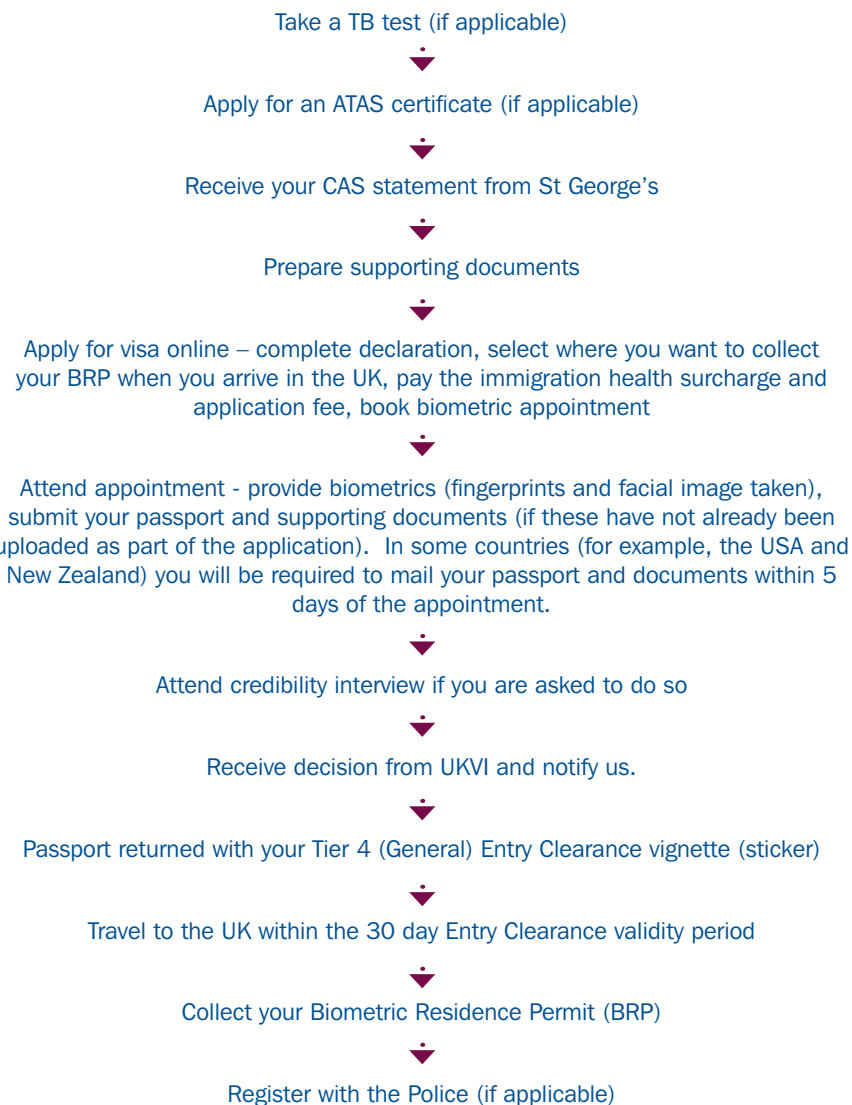
Visa processing times vary from country to country but on average, **you should receive a visa decision within 15 working days** from submitting your biometrics at the visa application centre. This timeframe does not include the return of documents. **Many countries offer an optional priority visa service where you can pay an additional fee to have your application processed more quickly, usually 5 working days.**

You must make every effort to arrive by the latest course start date. If you anticipate arriving late, you must contact us as soon as possible. There is no guarantee that you will be allowed to enrol late, this is a decision that will be made by your course team.

WHERE: You should apply for your Tier 4 visa in your country of nationality or country of residence. If you are applying outside of your country of nationality, you will be expected to provide evidence that you have permission to be in the country you are applying from.

HOW: You will first complete an online application form which includes payment of the relevant fee (**£348 in local currency for a standard application**) and the Immigration Health Surcharge (**£300 per year**). You will then need to book an appointment to enrol your biometrics and submit your supporting documents.

FLOWCHART



PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION

TIER 4 ENTRY CLEARANCE

When your visa application is successful, your passport will be returned with a 'UK Entry Clearance' vignette (sticker) within. This allows you entry into the UK as a Tier 4 student. It is valid for 30 days only, starting 1 month before the course start date or 7 days before the intended travel date stated on your application form, whichever is later. You must travel to the UK during its validity.



Example of Tier 4 Entry Clearance vignette (sticker) which will be placed in your passport

BIOMETRIC RESIDENCE PERMIT (BRP)

Your actual visa, is in the form of a Biometric Residence Permit (BRP), which must be collected when you arrive in the UK. Your BRP is separate to your passport and contains your personal information, your biometric information (photograph and fingerprints) and states your immigration status and some of your conditions.

It is valid for the length of your course plus an additional few months 'wrap up' period. When completing the Tier 4 application, you will be asked where you want to collect your BRP; we strongly recommend that you use the ACL code (provided with your CAS) so that you can collect from the university.



Example of Tier 4 (General) BRP

TUBERCULOSIS (TB) TESTING

You will need to take a Tuberculosis (TB) test if you are coming to the UK for more than 6 months and have lived for at least 6 months, in the period immediately preceding your visa application, in one of the countries specified by the UK Home Office. The list of countries and further details can be found on the [GOV.UK](http://gov.uk) website and in **Appendix T** of the Immigration Rules.

You must be tested at a clinic that has been approved by the Home Office. The test will involve being given a chest x-ray and, if clear, you will be given a medical certificate which confirms you have undergone screening for active pulmonary tuberculosis and that this tuberculosis is not present. The certificate is valid for 6 months and must be submitted with your visa application.

Please note that the requirement to have this test, and provide evidence with your visa application, is dependent on where you are, or have been, resident and not on your nationality.

You won't need a TB certificate if you have lived for at least 6 months in a country where TB screening is not required by the UK, and you've been away from that country for no more than 6 months.

APPLYING FOR AN ATAS CERTIFICATE

Only students undertaking a PhD-level research degree or Masters Course in certain science and technology subjects require an ATAS (Academic Technology Approval Scheme) clearance certificate to support their visa application.

ATAS clearance is a background check undertaken by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) to ensure that the knowledge gained from these courses does not contribute towards the development of weapons of mass destruction.

Your offer letter will confirm whether you need to obtain ATAS clearance (and the CAH code that applies to your course) as one of your offer conditions. If you require ATAS, you must have received it prior to being issued your CAS. You will need to submit the ATAS clearance certificate with your visa application as a mandatory supporting document.

More information about the ATAS, including how to apply, can be found on the [GOV.UK](http://gov.uk) website.

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REQUESTING A CAS

Your Tier 4 visa application must be supported with a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS). This is issued by the International Advising Team and will be sent to you by email. You must enter the CAS reference number in the relevant section of the Tier 4 visa application.

It is your responsibility to ensure that all the details in your CAS statement are correct and let us know if you identify any errors. These will need to be corrected prior to you making your visa application.

A CAS can only be used for one visa application. If your visa application is refused, you must request a new CAS. The university will only issue a second CAS in exceptional circumstances.

When will I receive my CAS?

We cannot confirm the exact date you will receive your CAS. It will be emailed to you once:

- i) you have met all conditions of your offer (including payment of the international deposit) and, if applicable;
- ii) we have reviewed the financial and supporting documents that you will be submitting with your visa application.

We will usually only request and review financial documents from students who are required by UKVI to submit evidence of their finances at the point they apply for their Tier 4 (General) visa.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

You should include all of the documents listed in the application form and **Guide to Supporting Documents** unless you are a **low risk national** and qualify under the differentiation arrangement (see below).

This includes the following mandatory documents:

- Passport(s) and photographs
- Proof you meet the academic requirements, e.g. original certificate or transcript of qualification as noted on your CAS
- Proof you meet the **Tier 4 financial requirements**
- Proof of English Language ability - you do not need to submit evidence of English Language (e.g. IELTS certificate) if it states on your CAS that the university has made a self-assessment of your English language.

You may also need:

- An ATAS certificate
- A TB certificate
- Police Registration Certificate
- Evidence of your permission to be in the country where you are applying, if you are not a national of that country
- Consent letter from your parents if you are under 18 years old
- Consent from current or previous official financial sponsor

You will need to provide a **certified translation** of any documents that are not in English or Welsh. Many countries will ask that you submit the original documents along with a photocopy of each.

LOW RISK NATIONALS – DIFFERENTIATION ARRANGEMENT

Students of designated low-risk nationalities (see below) **do not normally have to submit evidence of their educational qualifications or finances with their visa application**. UKVI calls this the 'differentiation arrangement' for 'low-risk applicants'.

The current list of low-risk nationalities is shown at **Appendix H** of the Immigration Rules:

- Australia, Bahrain, Barbados, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, the Dominican Republic, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Peru, Qatar, Serbia, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United States of America
- Hong Kong (SAR) passport holders, Macau (SAR) passport holders, Taiwan passport holders (with residence card no. in passport) and British National Overseas passport holders

Please note, the Home Office reserves the right to ask to see the evidence while an application is being considered so you should make sure you have this, in the format required, at the point of making your visa application. If the evidence is requested, your visa application may be refused if you do not provide it.

How to qualify

On your Tier 4 application form, you must confirm you hold all the required documents (financial and educational) in the manner required, but you would like to take part in the differentiation arrangement. You will still need to provide the following mandatory documents:

- Your passport
- Current visa (if applicable)
- ATAS (if applicable)
- Police Registration Certificate (if applicable)

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Applicants in the USA, New Zealand and certain cities in Australia must send their passport to UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) within a few days of completing their biometric appointment. The address will be provided as part of the online application. Some applicants will be required to enclose a pre-paid electronic shipping label (for their passport to be safely returned to them).

The only shipping company in the US approved by UKVI is UPS and the labels should be bought using a company called VFS (associated with UKVI). FedEx and US Postal Service shipping labels are not accepted. The UPS 'Round trip shipping labels' track the return of your passport and its delivery to UKVI.

COLLECTING YOUR BIOMETRIC RESIDENCE PERMIT (BRP)

Your BRP is the documentary evidence of your UK immigration permission. This is a plastic, credit-card sized document which contains your personal and biometric information, states your Tier 4 immigration status and some of your conditions.

As part of the visa application, you will need to confirm where you wish to collect your Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) after you arrive in the UK. You will be able to collect from the university (which we recommend) provided you select '**Collect from an Alternative Location**' in answer to the relevant question and then enter our Alternative Collection Code (ACL). We send our ACL code with your CAS statement.

If you do not use this code and instead enter a residential or sponsor postcode, you will be directed to collect your BRP from a designated Post Office within 10 days of your arrival in the UK.

Your visa decision letter will confirm the collection point of your BRP. You will need to bring this letter and passport when you collect your BRP.

It is advisable to collect your BRP as soon as possible after you arrive as you are likely to need it during your first few weeks in the UK for example, to open a bank account.

Some students will be required to **register with the police** after they have collected their BRP.

IMMIGRATION HEALTH SURCHARGE (IHS)

After completing the online form and declaration, you will be asked to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) to cover your stay in the UK. This payment entitles you to use the **National Health Service (NHS)** whilst you are in the UK. Any dependant application is subject to the same charge.

The IHS for students is **calculated at £300 per year for each year of your visa**. Students coming to the UK for less than six months will not be charged. If your visa includes part of a year that is six months or less you will be charged an additional £150 for this period. If your visa includes part of a year that is more than six months, you will have to pay £300 for this period.

The exact amount you must pay is based upon how much leave you are granted and not the length of the course. This is because additional leave is granted before and after the end of the course. For example, if your course is 12 months or longer, your visa will start up to one month before the course start date and end four months after the course end date. You need to pay IHS for the additional 5 months leave.

More information about the Immigration Health Surcharge, can be found on the **GOV.UK** website.

BRINGING YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS

The Home Office permits a Tier 4 student to bring dependant family members in certain circumstances. Family members are eligible to apply for a dependant visa if:

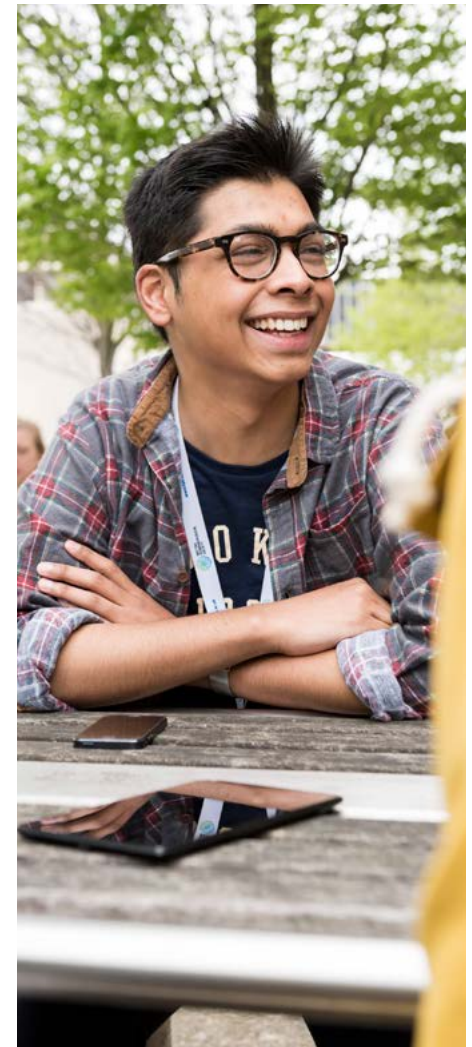
- Your course is full-time, at postgraduate level and at least 9 months long or
- You are a government sponsored student on a full-time course that is 6 months or longer. This means you are being financially sponsored for your studies by the UK government or an overseas government.

A dependant for Tier 4 purposes is:

- A husband, wife or civil partner.
- An unmarried partner if you have been living together in a relationship similar to marriage or civil partnership for a period of at least 2 years.
- A child under 18 years old.

A dependant can apply at the same time as the Tier 4 student or after the student has received the outcome of their visa application.

More information about bringing your family members, including visa costs and financial requirements, can be found on the **GOV.UK** website and in the **PBS dependant guidance**.



TIER 4 FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS



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Failing to meet financial requirements is the main reason cited for Tier 4 visa refusals, for example, incorrect format of financial documents or an insufficient amount of money available. In most cases, we will review financial documents prior to issuing a CAS statement. It is important you only submit the documents we have reviewed, to avoid a potential refusal.

If you are a **low-risk national** you should obtain the evidence of your money in the correct format, but you do not need to include it with your initial application. All other applicants must include this evidence with their application.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- The money available must cover both tuition fees and a set amount for living costs (see below).
- Your financial evidence must be **less than one month old at the point of application and show the required money has been available for a consecutive 28-day period (finishing on the date of the closing balance)**.
- You can only use money held in an account owned by you (including a joint account) or by your parent(s)/legal guardian(s). If you submit evidence from a friend or other relative, your application will be refused.
- If you are using your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) account, you must provide additional documentation (see below).
- Applicants from Bangladesh, Cameroon, Ghana, India, Iran, Pakistan, the Philippines and Sri Lanka should check **Appendix P** of the Immigration Rules to ensure that their financial evidence is from a Home Office approved financial institution.
- If money is in another currency to UK Pound Sterling (£), you need to check that your funds convert to the amount required in UK currency. You should use the **OANDA currency converter** as this is used by UKVI.
- The date of application is the date the visa fee is paid for online. Your financial documentation must meet the Tier 4 requirements on this date.

TIER 4 FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

HOW MUCH MONEY DO I NEED TO HAVE?

You will need to show that you enough money available to cover both your tuition fees and living costs:

1. Tuition fees for the first academic year of your course (or for the entire course if it lasts less than a year) plus;
2. £11,385 for living costs, for courses that are nine months or more. This is calculated at £1265 per month for nine months.

For courses that are less than nine months, you must show that you have £1,265 for each month of the course.

ADVANCE PAYMENTS

Advance payments towards tuition can be deducted from the overall amount owing, provided that these payments are listed on your CAS. You can also deduct money paid towards university accommodation (Horton Halls) but only up to a maximum amount of £1265. You cannot deduct money paid towards any other type of housing, for example, private accommodation, nor can you adjust the amount you must show because you will be living with a relative. Please **contact us** if any advance payments are not included on your CAS. You must not submit your visa application until these payments have been updated.

ACCEPTABLE PROOF OF FUNDS

You can use any one or more of these forms of evidence:

- Personal bank statement or building society statements
- Letter from a bank or building society confirming funds
- Letter from a regulated financial institution confirming funds or a loan
- Letter from an Official Financial Sponsor confirming sponsorship
- Statements of a passbook from a building society
- Certificate(s) of deposit

Property, shares, bonds, pension funds, life insurance or similar savings accounts are not acceptable. This applies to your own and your parents accounts.

PERSONAL BANK STATEMENT OR LETTER

The financial document must show the following information:

- Name of the account holder
- Full account number
- The date of the letter/statement
- The financial institution's name and logo / printed on the bank's letterhead;
- The balance in the account – this should not fall below the required amount for a minimum consecutive 28 day period (finishing on the date of the closing balance), this must be expressly stated if you are relying on a bank letter.

ELECTRONIC BANK STATEMENTS

Electronic bank statements (printed by you or at a bank) must contain all of the details listed above and in addition must be accompanied by a supporting letter from the bank, on company-headed paper, confirming the authenticity of the statements. Alternatively, each page of the electronic bank statement must bear an official stamp of the bank.

MONEY HELD BY YOUR PARENT(S) OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(S)

If you are relying on money held by your parent(s)/legal guardian, you must also provide your parents' bank statement/letter, you also need to include one of the following documents:

- Original copy of your birth certificate/certificate of adoption showing names of your parent(s) or legal guardian;
- A court document naming your legal guardian

You must also show that your parent(s) /legal guardian have given their permission for you to use this money by providing:

- A letter from your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) confirming their relationship to you and that they have given their consent to you using their money to fund their study and live expenses whilst in the UK.

JOINT ACCOUNT

If you want to use a joint account as proof of your money, you must be named on the account along with one or more other person, except where you are using a joint account in the name of your parents. In some circumstances, UKVI will ask for written permission from the joint account holder. We recommend you submit this with your original supporting documents so as not to delay a decision.

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LOAN LETTER

Loan letters must be dated no more than **6 months** before the date of your application, and must show: your name, the date of the letter; the financial institution's name and logo; and the money (or funds) available as a loan.

Loan funds must be available to you **before you travel to the UK**, unless the loan: is an academic/student loan from your country's national government; and will be released to you by your national government or your Tier 4 education provider when you arrive in the UK, for e.g. Federal Aid Loan.

The loan must be in your name only; loans held in the name(s) of your parents(s) or legal guardian **cannot be used** as evidence of money held by you.

US FEDERAL AID LOAN

St George's is eligible to certify loan applications for the Direct Loan Program. This loan is acceptable evidence of funding for UKVI purposes although you need to ensure that your loan is sufficient to cover UKVI requirements for finances. If there is a shortfall, you will be expected to provide financial evidence that you can fund the difference yourself. US nationals are considered 'low risk' and therefore are not required to submit the award letter with their visa application but should have it available in case it is requested. For further details contact usfederalaid@sgul.ac.uk.

OFFICIAL FINANCIAL SPONSORSHIP

You can be sponsored either by the UK government, your home government, the British council or any international organisation, international company, university or a UK independent school. **You cannot be sponsored by a family member, or a company that only operates in your home country.**

Your official financial sponsor must have the funds to support you financially whilst you are studying in the UK and have the capacity to move, or experience of moving, funds across international borders.

Evidence of sponsorship must be submitted with your application. If the sponsorship does not cover all tuition fees and maintenance, you will need to provide evidence that you can fund the difference yourself.

You must provide an official headed **letter of confirmation** bearing the organisation's official stamp. It must show:

- Your name;
- The official financial sponsor's name and contact details;
- The date of the letter;
- The length of the sponsorship; and
- The amount of money that the official financial sponsor is giving to you; or a statement confirming that they will cover all of your course fees and living costs.

If you are currently financially sponsored by a government or an international scholarship agency, or your financial sponsorship ended within 12 months of your current application being made, **you will need your sponsor's permission to stay in or re-enter the UK. You must provide your financial sponsor's unconditional consent in writing.** This must confirm that your sponsor has no objection to you continuing your studies in the UK. If your financial sponsor does not give consent, your application will be refused.

MAKING YOUR APPLICATION

ONLINE LINK TO THE TIER 4 APPLICATION

You must **apply online** for your Tier 4 visa.

Under the heading 'Apply outside the UK', click the link 'apply online' and select Tier 4 (General) student visa from the list of available options. You will be asked to register an email address and create a password. You will be sent a link to your application form so that you have the option to save and access at a later date.

To assist you with your application, we have prepared a step by step **Guide to completing the online application**.

BOOKING A VISA APPOINTMENT

The online form will ask which country you are applying in, it will then give a list of available Visa Application Centres (VAC) in your country. The VAC is the local commercial partner (for example, VFS Global). Staff at the VAC should not give immigration advice, although they might indicate if required evidence is missing. They do not make a decision on the application, this is the responsibility of the caseworkers employed by UKVI.

Application procedures can vary at different VAC but typically when you have completed the online application, you will be prompted to book a 'biometric' appointment at your chosen VAC and pay the Immigration Health Surcharge and visa fee.

At the appointment you will enrol your biometrics (have your fingerprints and a facial image taken) and submit your passport. You may also need to submit other supporting documents if these have not been uploaded as part of the online application. You should follow the instructions in the online application about this.

In some countries (for example, the USA and New Zealand) you will be required to mail your passport and documents within 5 days of the appointment.



MAKING YOUR APPLICATION

CREDIBILITY INTERVIEW

At the biometric appointment, you may be asked to attend a 'credibility interview'. If selected, the interview will be conducted via a video link with an immigration officer based in the UK. The process should take around 15-20 minutes. The interview will be conducted in English.

The purpose of the interview is to test the credibility or 'genuineness' of a student by asking a series of mandatory questions, such as:

- Why have you chosen to study in the UK?
- Why did you choose to study at St George's, University of London?
- Why did you choose your course?
- How do your studies fit into your career plans?
- How do you intend to fund your studies in the UK?
- Why have you decided to incur the extra costs involved with studying in the UK?

You may also be asked if you plan to work in the UK. The main purpose for being in the UK is your studies so, if you do hope to work, you must be clear that this is incidental to your studies. You also need to demonstrate an understanding of the hours you are allowed to work and typical rates of pay.

We would recommend that you think about how you would answer these kind of questions, although we would warn you against preparing scripted responses as your answer may sound rehearsed and therefore possibly not genuine. You should also familiarise yourself with the structure of your programme, and how you will be assessed.

Where an initial interview raises concerns, a student may be required to attend a second, in-person interview at the visa application centre before a decision can be made on their application. If an immigration officer is not satisfied that a student is credible or genuine, their application will be refused. In this situation, the university reserves the right to not issue a second CAS to support a new visa application.

VISA DECISION

Please notify us as soon as you receive a visa decision.

If approved, you will be issued with an **Entry Clearance vignette** (sticker) in your passport and a **visa decision letter**. The vignette will be valid for 30 days, starting 1 month before the course start date or 7 days before the intended travel date stated on the application form, whichever is later. You will need to arrive in the UK during the validity of your entry permit.

The end date of your visa will depend on the length of your course, for e.g. if your course is longer than 12 months, you will receive an additional 4 months 'wrap up' leave after the course end date. This additional time is to allow you to attend graduation, pack up your belongings and if necessary, submit a new visa application. It is important you check these dates before you travel.

The visa decision letters outlines the conditions of your immigration leave (e.g. work restrictions) and where you need to collect your BRP. **Make sure you keep this letter safe and readily available in your hand luggage**, as you may need to show this to the border force officer when you arrive in the UK. You must also bring this letter when you collect your BRP.

Before you travel, you should:

- Check that the information on the Entry Clearance vignette and decision letter is correct. If you identify any error, contact your Visa Application Centre before you travel. They will issue instructions on how to correct the error.
- Keep your passport safe. Take copies of your passport and other paperwork before travelling and keep secure in a different place to your passport.
- Arrive at St George's by the date given as the 'course start date' in the CAS.
- Inform us immediately if you think you are going to be delayed.

You must notify us straight away if your application is refused. We will need to see a copy of the Refusal Notice. Depending on the reason for the refusal, you may be able to apply for Administrative Review of the decision. The university will only issue a second CAS to support a fresh application in exceptional circumstances, taking all factors into consideration including reason for the refusal, visa processing times and course start date.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE IN THE UK

IMMIGRATION AND PASSPORT CONTROL

If you arrive at an airport, you will pass through immigration control first.

Unless you are eligible to use the e-Gates (see below), you will need to queue to see a border force officer who will look at your passport, maybe ask a few questions about your reason for being in the UK, and date stamp your Entry Clearance vignette. The date stamp is proof you have entered the UK legally.

ELECTRONIC GATES (E-GATES)

Nationals of Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea and the United States of America are eligible to use e-Gates when travelling to the UK with Entry Clearance. This will be alongside citizens of the UK, EU and EEA countries. Travellers will need to see an officer if they are travelling with children under 12 years old.



EVIDENCE OF ENTRY

Students who have used the e-Gates will need to retain evidence that they travelled to or entered the UK because they will not receive a stamp in their passport on arrival. **We will ask to see evidence of this at enrolment. Copies will be taken and kept on your student file for audit purposes.** You should also keep copies yourself for any future immigration application which requires you to prove your date of arrival in the UK.

Acceptable evidence may include a boarding card, ticket or booking confirmation or any other documentary evidence which establishes your date of arrival in the UK. A photocopy, photograph, screenshot or scanned copy of the evidence that includes your name and/or passport number is usually acceptable.

The UK Border Force has produced a **'10 Top Tips' information leaflet** providing guidance on getting through the UK border controls as efficiently as possible. In addition to the information outlined in this leaflet, you are advised to carry your visa application decision letter in your hand-luggage. The decision letter will have been issued to you to confirm your visa application was successful.

ON ARRIVAL AT ST GEORGE'S

- Collect your BRP
- Attend enrolment with your passport and immigration documents (including evidence of your entry to the UK if your visa has not been stamped)
- Provide your contact details
- Register with the police (if required)

POLICE REGISTRATION

Nationals from the following countries are required to register with the police within 10 days of arriving in the UK or after enrolment (more information provided at enrolment):

Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Colombia, Cuba, Egypt, Georgia, Hong Kong, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Libya, Moldova, Morocco, North Korea, Oman, Palestine, Peru, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Yemen, Stateless or travelling on a non-national document (i.e. Travel Document).

When you register with the police at the **Overseas Visitors Records Office**, you will be issued a police registration certificate. It is important you keep this document in a safe place and not carry it around with you. **Once you have registered you will need to inform the police of changes in your circumstances within 7 days, this includes a change of address.**

Full details about the registration process will be provided at enrolment.

FURTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the visa process please contact us at student.immigration@sgul.ac.uk

You are advised to read the Tier 4 information on the **UK Visas and Immigration website**, including the **Tier 4 Policy Guidance**, prior to applying for your Tier 4 visa.

UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA) provides information on applying for a Tier 4 visa from outside the UK.

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