

Student Route Visa Checklist

Before you fill in the visa application you may need to gather a number of documents. Your **nationality** (as per your passport) will indicate if you are subject to different documentary requirements. The UKVI calls this 'differentiation arrangement' for 'low-risk applicants'.

This means that if you are a national of one of the following countries and applying for a visa in your own country or in the UK you will need to **submit** less evidences than other students. **However you still need to make sure you have all documents ready in case you are asked to show them.**

Australia	China	Hungary	Macao	Qatar	Tunisia
Austria	Croatia	Iceland	Malaysia	Romania	United Arab Emirates
Bahrain	Republic of Cyprus	Indonesia	Malta	Serbia	United States of America
Barbados	Czech Republic	Ireland	Mauritius	Singapore	
Belgium	Denmark	Italy	Mexico	Slovakia	
Botswana	The Dominican Republic	Japan	Netherlands	Slovenia	
Brazil	Estonia	Kazakhstan	New Zealand	South Korea	
Brunei	Finland	Kuwait	Norway	Spain	
Bulgaria	France	Latvia	Oman	Sweden	
Cambodia	Germany	Liechtenstein	Peru	Switzerland	
Canada	Greece	Lithuania	Poland	Taiwan	
Chile	Hong Kong	Luxembourg	Portugal	Thailand	

* if you hold a passport issued by Taiwan that includes the number of the identification card issued by the competent authority in Taiwan

If you are a national from a country not listed above then assume you need to prepare and submit good quality scanned copies of most of the evidence listed below– if you are unsure please email our team intadvice@mdx.ac.uk or ring them on **020 8411 4507**

☐ **Passport and visa:** Please note that everyone (regardless of their nationality) need to submit copies of passport and visa



☐ **Credit/Debit card:** Please note that everyone (regardless of their nationality) need to use a credit/debit card to pay for their visa application. Cash is not accepted.

UK fees

Application type
Standard

Time for a decision
Up to 8 weeks

Cost per person
£490.00

Overseas fees

Standard - £363

To get a faster decision on your application either in the UK or overseas please go to <https://www.gov.uk/faster-decision-visa-settlement>

Please note: from February 6 2024, you will also need to pay the IHS (Immigration Health Surcharge) which costs £776 per year of study (payable in advance)

- ☐ **CAS number:** Please note that everyone (regardless of their nationality) must have a CAS number to make a visa application. The Student Visa Compliance Team will send your CAS number to your private/personal email address on myUniHub. Your CAS will confirm your passport number, nationality, country of birth, start and end date of course, and that you are starting your studies here. It will also include how much of your tuition fees you have paid. Check the details on the CAS record carefully to make sure the information is correct. If you are repeating a year/module you need to request CAS go to: <http://unihub.mdx.ac.uk/your-support-services/visas-international/while-you-are-studying/request-a-cas-number> Please remember to upload your bank statement with CAS request (see below).

- ☐ **Evidence of funds:** Please note that if you have been in the UK for longer than 12 months, you do not need to prove the financial requirements if you've had a UK visa for 12 months prior to the date of your student visa application – you must currently be in the UK. Otherwise you will need to provide **bank statements** in your name, showing that you have funds to cover your living costs (also called "Maintenance") PLUS **any** outstanding tuition fees.

All applicants must be able to show **£1,334 per month** for living costs. So for 9 months of study you must show **£12,006** to cover maintenance. **This money must be in your own bank account, or your parent's, for a period of 28 consecutive days prior to you making your application for your Student route visa.** If you have paid a portion of your fees for your programme of study you will be required to show the remaining balance in your bank account. Please include any official receipts showing payment of tuition fees and check your CAS Record is showing the correct payment.

If you are financially sponsored (by your government for example) you must bring an original official sponsorship letter instead of bank statements. **Please note: if you have dependants you may need to show additional evidence.**

- ☐ **Previous educational certificates:** Only students from a non "low risk" country will need to submit this evidence. You must provide all the qualifications listed in the CAS letter (i.e. IELTS test, Pre-sessional Qualification, or high school diploma). They must be **originals** and, if not in English, must have been translated by an official and recognised translator before you can submit them.

- ☐ **ATAS Certificate** - Please note that everyone (regardless of their nationality) must have this evidence required by the course. If you are studying on a PhD programme, you may require an ATAS. This will be stated on your CAS but we recommend you check with the Research Office if one is required, and for the JACS code: www.academic-technology-approval.service.gov.uk

For more information ring us on: **020 8411 4507** or email the International Student Advice Team at: intadvice@mdx.ac.uk. You can also book an appointment via myUniHub advisors (based in the ground floor of the Sheppard Library).

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