

Short-term Student Visa

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You can apply for a short-term Student visa if you are planning to:

- do a short course of study in the UK for less than 6 months (or 11 months if doing an English Language course)
- do a short period of research as part of a degree course if you are studying abroad

You can't:

- study at a state school
- work or carry out any business
- marry or register a civil partnership, or give notice of marriage or a civil partnership
- come to the UK specifically for private medical treatment
- extend this visa
- bring family members ('dependants') with you - they must apply separately
- get public funds

Fees:

- £97 for a 6 month visa
- £186 for an 11 month visa (only applies to English Language courses)

How long does it take?

You can apply for a visa up to 3 months before your date of travel to the UK and you should get a decision on your visa within 3 weeks.

Eligibility

You must prove that you:

- have been offered a place on a course in the UK at an accepted place of study
- have enough money to support yourself without working or help from public funds, or that relatives and friends can support and house you
- can pay for your return or onward journey

Documents you must provide:

- a current passport
- two passport size colour photographs

- evidence that you can support yourself during your trip, e.g. bank statements or payslips
- your tuberculosis (TB) test results if you're from a country where you have to take the test
- evidence of the course you intend to study (e.g. a letter of acceptance from Middlesex University)

Where can I apply?

www.gov.uk/apply-uk-visa

You will be asked your 'reason for visit'. There will be some delay before the online system is upgraded to include the choice of 'short-term student' - so if you cannot see that choice, you will have to choose the following answers:

- reason for visit? - select 'visit'
- visa type? - select 'special visitor'
- visa sub type? - select '(special) student visitor, up to 6 months' if you want to come for a maximum of 6 months, or '(special) student visitor, to study English language' if you want to come for an English language course of between 6 and 11 month

Please note: As a short-term student, you must leave the UK on or before the date that your immigration permission ends. You are not allowed to apply to switch into any other immigration category while still in the UK. You will also not be allowed to do any kind of work, work placement or work experience during your studies in the UK.

You can also apply for a Standard Visitor visa if you want to visit the UK for business-related activities eg:

- you're coming to the UK for a conference, meeting or training
- you want to take part in a specific sports-related event
- you're an artist, entertainer or musician and coming to the UK to perform
- you're an academic and are doing research or accompanying students on a study abroad programme
- you're a doctor or dentist and are coming to the UK to take a clinical attachment or observer post
- you want to take the Professional and Linguistic Assessment Board (PLAB) test or sit the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)
- you want to get funding to start, take over, join or run a business in the UK

How long it will take?

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How long can I stay?

- you can usually stay in the UK for up to 6 months
- you might be able to stay for up to 11 months if you're coming to the UK for private medical treatment
- you, your spouse or civil partner and children might be able to stay for up to 12 months if you're an academic on sabbatical and coming to the UK for research

You can also apply for a long-term visit visa if you can prove you need to visit the UK regularly over a longer period. You can stay for a maximum of 6 months on each visit and your visa can last for 1, 2, 5 or 10 years.

Fees

You must pay £89 to apply and fees for a long term-visit visa depend on its length:

- 1 & 2 years: £361
- 5 years: £655
- 10 years: £822

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

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