

## Study English in the UK (Short-term Student Visa)

### (STS) Short-Term Student Visa

You can apply for a Short-term study visa to study English language in the UK.

This visa is for English language courses lasting longer than 6 months and up to 11 months.

#### Fees and costs:

The current application fee is £200.

### How long does it take?

You can apply for a visa up to 3 months before your date of travel to the UK.

Once you've applied online, proved your identity and provided your documents, you'll usually get a decision within 3 weeks.

### Healthcare surcharge

You'll also have to pay the healthcare surcharge as part of your online application. It usually costs £470.

This is so you can use the National Health Service (NHS) in the UK.

### Who can apply

You must prove be 16 years or older to apply. You must prove that:

- you've been accepted onto an English language course that lasts 11 months or less and includes no other subjects
- your course is with an accredited institution:  
[www.gov.uk/visa-to-study-english/your-course](http://www.gov.uk/visa-to-study-english/your-course)
- you have enough money to support yourself without working or help from public funds, or that relatives and friends can support and house you  
[www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-funds--2/public-funds](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-funds--2/public-funds)
- you can pay for your return or onward journey

#### You cannot:

- study on any other course or change your course while in the UK
- study at a state-funded school [www.gov.uk/types-of-school](http://www.gov.uk/types-of-school)
- work or carry out any business (this includes paid or unpaid work, work experience or work placements)
- extend this visa

- bring family members ('dependants') with you on this visa
- apply for most benefits (public funds  
[www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-funds--2/public-funds](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-funds--2/public-funds)) or the state pension.

### Documents you must provide:

- a current passport
- evidence that you can support yourself during your trip, e.g. bank statements or payslips
- **IMPORTANT:** Evidence of funds must be in your name. Funds that are in a parents name or other third party will not be accepted and will lead to your visa being rejected.
- your tuberculosis (TB) test results if you're from a country where you have to take the test
- details of where you intend to stay and your travel plans - you should not pay for accommodation or travel until you get your visa
- evidence of the course you intend to study (e.g. a letter of acceptance from Middlesex University)

### Where can I apply?

As part of your online application, you'll need to book an appointment at a visa application centre ([www.gov.uk/find-a-visa-application-centre](http://www.gov.uk/find-a-visa-application-centre)) to provide your documents and prove your identity: [www.gov.uk/apply-to-come-to-the-uk/prove-your-identity](http://www.gov.uk/apply-to-come-to-the-uk/prove-your-identity)

Allow time to attend your appointment. The visa application centre may keep your passport and documents while processing your application.

### 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

For more information call: **020 8411 4507** or email the International Student Advice Team at: [intadvice@mdx.ac.uk](mailto:intadvice@mdx.ac.uk).

You can also book an appointment via myUniHub.

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