



# How to apply for your UK Student Visa

## How to apply

1. **Prepare your supporting documents** (see 'supporting documents' section)
2. **Apply on [Gov.uk/student-visa/apply](https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/apply)**  
Apply as soon as you get your **CAS reference number** from your university to avoid delays
3. **Choose your application service** – Standard (15 working days), Priority (5 working days), Super Priority (next working day)
4. **Wait for your email inviting you to book an appointment at a Visa Application Centre**
5. **Wait for your decision**

## Supporting documents

### What you'll need

- Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS) number from your university
- Valid Passport/Travel Document
- Proof of English Language proficiency
- Proof of finances

### You may also need

- Proof of parental or guardian consent (under 18s)
- Education certificates
- TB test certificate (if applicable)
- ATAS certificate (if applicable)
- A supporting letter explaining any gaps in your studies e.g. if you have been in employment

Find out more: [Gov.uk/student-visa/documents-you-must-provide](https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/documents-you-must-provide)

## Helpful reminders

- You should **decide which type of visa service you would like in advance** (standard or a priority service) as you can't change this later. You will have to withdraw your application and submit a new one to change.
- You can **book a visa appointment at any of the centres near you.**
- **Wait for an email to confirm when your passport is ready to collect** after a decision has been made.