

UK Student visas



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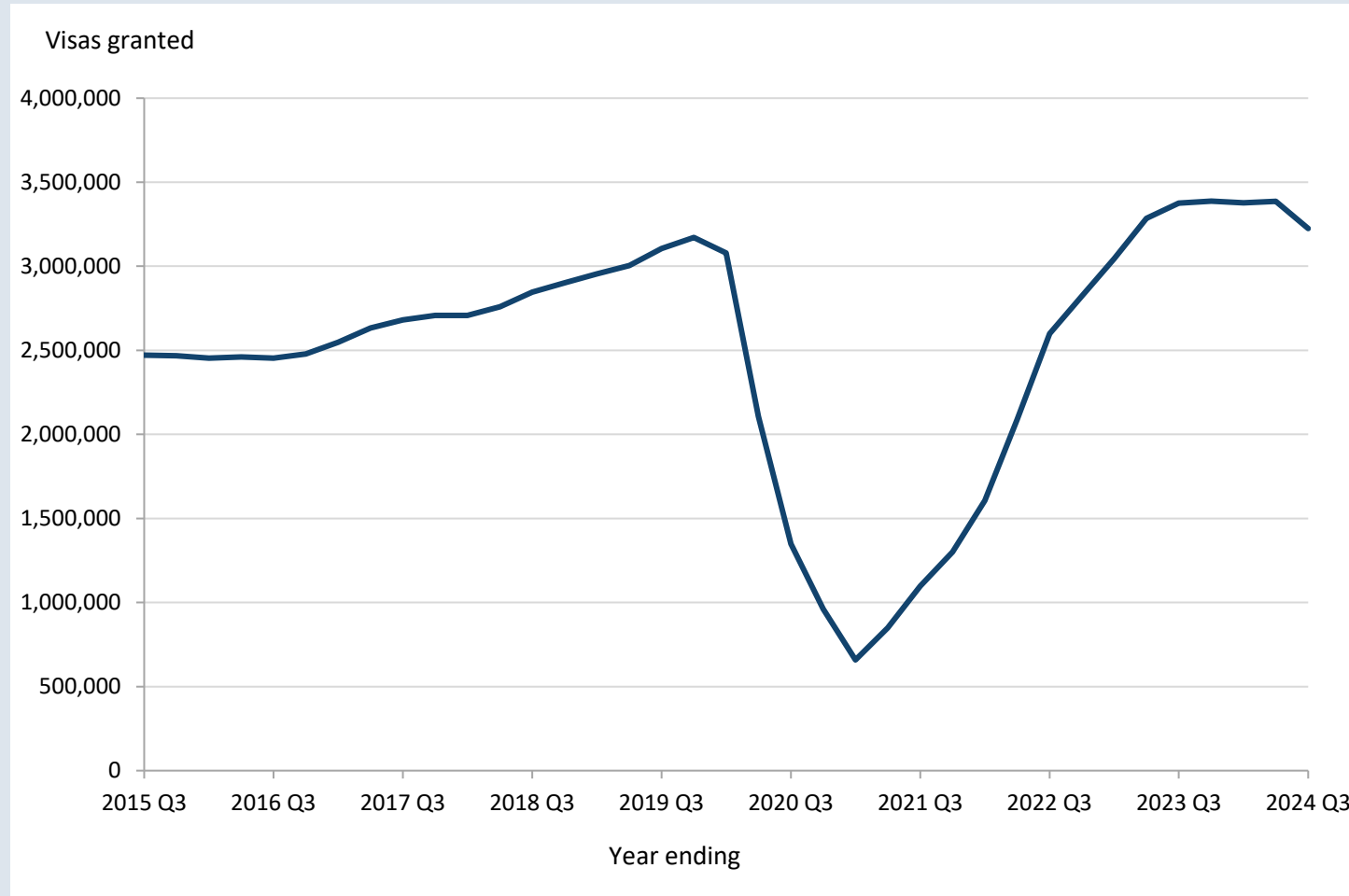
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The UK's visa service

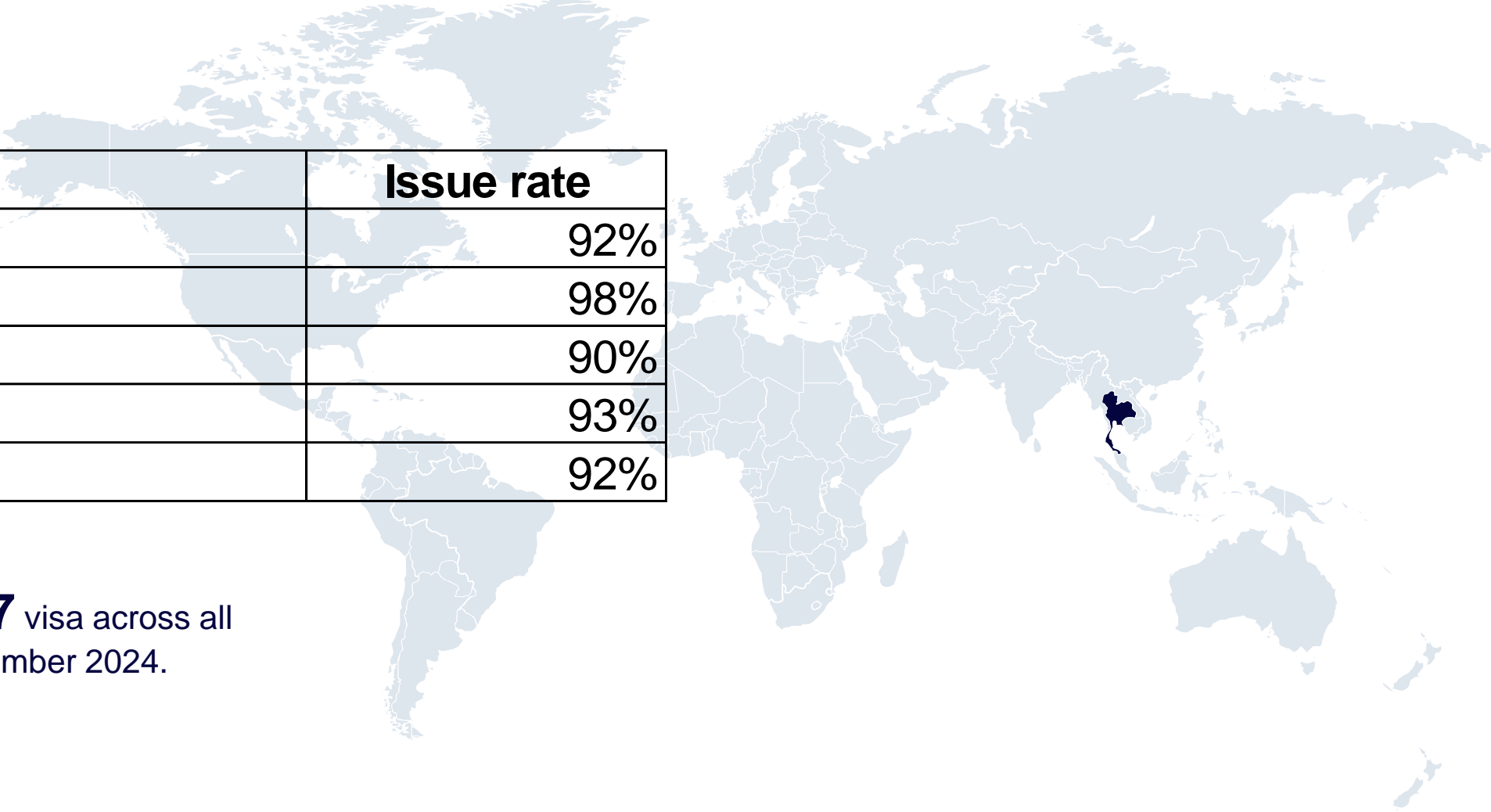
- **Our purpose:** to provide an effective regular immigration system for the UK.
- **Our vision:** We place our customers' needs at the centre of what we do, being adaptive, responsible and respectful at all times.
- **What we do:** We issue visas to enable customers to visit, work, study or join family in the UK.
- We have over **250** visa application centres around the world.
- We offer a priority visa service in nearly **190** countries.



Global Visa grants YE September 2024



UK Visa Statistics Thailand



Visa type	Issue rate
Visitor	92%
Study	98%
Work	90%
Family	93%
Other	92%

We have granted **60,497** visa across all visa routes in the YE September 2024.

Issue rate of **92%**



Different types of visa for studying in the UK

Standard Visitor – Study

For people who intend to study in the UK for less than 6 months, please visit below link for more info.

<https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor/visit-to-study>

Short-term Study

For people who intend to study in the UK for more than 6 months but less than 11 months, please visit below link for more info.

<https://www.gov.uk/visa-to-study-english>

Student

At least 16 years old
Study on a further or higher education course in the UK

<https://www.gov.uk/student-visa>

Child Student

Child Student Under 18
Study at an independent school with a licenced Child Student sponsor.

<https://www.gov.uk/child-study-visa>

[Check if you need a UK visa - GOV.UK](#)



Standard visitor visa to study

You can visit the UK for up to 6 months to:

- study at an accredited institution (this includes English language courses)
- do a short piece of research that's relevant to your course overseas
- do an 'elective' - an optional additional placement, if you're studying medicine, veterinary medicine and science, nursing, midwifery or dentistry
- sit an entrance exam, retake an exam or course module, or do a PhD oral exam (a viva)
- do an unpaid clinical attachment if you're a graduate from a medical, dental or nursing school
- take the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) test or the Professional and Linguistic Assessment Board (PLAB) test

Sources for guidance:

[Visit the UK as a Standard Visitor: Visit to study - GOV.UK](#)

[Immigration Rules - Immigration Rules Appendix V: Visitor - Guidance - GOV.UK](#)

[Visit: caseworker guidance - GOV.UK](#)

Document: [Visiting the UK: guide to supporting documents - GOV.UK](#)



Short-term study 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.

You cannot:

- study on any other course or change your course while in the UK
- study at a state-funded 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) or the State Pension

Sources for guidance:

[Study English in the UK \(Short-term study visa\): Overview - GOV.UK](#)

[Immigration Rules - Immigration Rules Appendix Short-term Student \(English language\) - Guidance - GOV.UK](#)

[Short-term student \(English Language\)](#)

Do you need a Student visa?

British citizen



No

EU citizen



Yes

(this includes EU, EEA and Swiss citizens)

Other citizens



Yes

Who can apply?

You can apply for a UK Student visa if you are 16 or over and:

- Have an offer from an approved education institution.
- Can speak, read, write and understand English.
- Have enough money to pay for your course and support yourself.
- Have consent from your parents if you are under 18.

If you are between 4 and 17 years old and you want to study at an independent school in the UK, you may be eligible for a [Child Student visa](#) instead.



Documents required



You must provide:

- Current passport or travel document
- CAS reference number

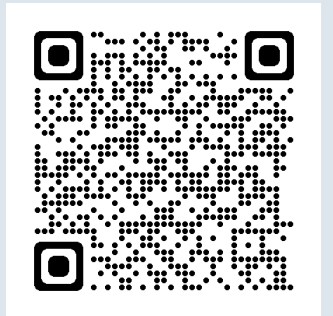


You may also need to provide:

- Proof of finances
- Proof of your knowledge of English
- Birth certificate and parental consent letter if under 18
- Tuberculosis test results (if required)
- ATAS certificate (if required by course)



Supplying the right documents will help avoid delays to the decision making process



www.gov.uk/student-visa/documents-you-must-provide

Knowledge of English

You can prove your knowledge of English by:

- Passing a secure English Language Test (SELT) from an approved provider.
- Having a GCSE, A level, Scottish National Qualification level 4 or 5, Scottish Higher or Advanced Higher in English gained through study at a UK school begun when under 18.
- If you are studying at degree level or above your Higher Education Provider can assess your level of English – and may ask you to do a different test.



Funds

You need enough money to pay for your course and support yourself in the UK.

You may need to provide evidence that you have enough money to cover your living costs – how much depends on where you will be studying:

- **London - £1,483** for each month of the course (max 9 months)
- **Rest of the UK - £1,136** for each month of the course (max 9 months)

*Updated on 2nd January 2025

You can prove you have enough money through:

- ✓ Cash in a savings account - in student or parent/guardian's name
- ✓ Student loan
- ✓ Official financial or government sponsorship or grant

Funds must have been held for at least 28 consecutive days prior to submitting your application.

Funds

You may not need to prove you have money to support yourself 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
- you're applying as a student union sabbatical officer
- you're applying as a postgraduate doctor or dentist on a recognised foundation programme

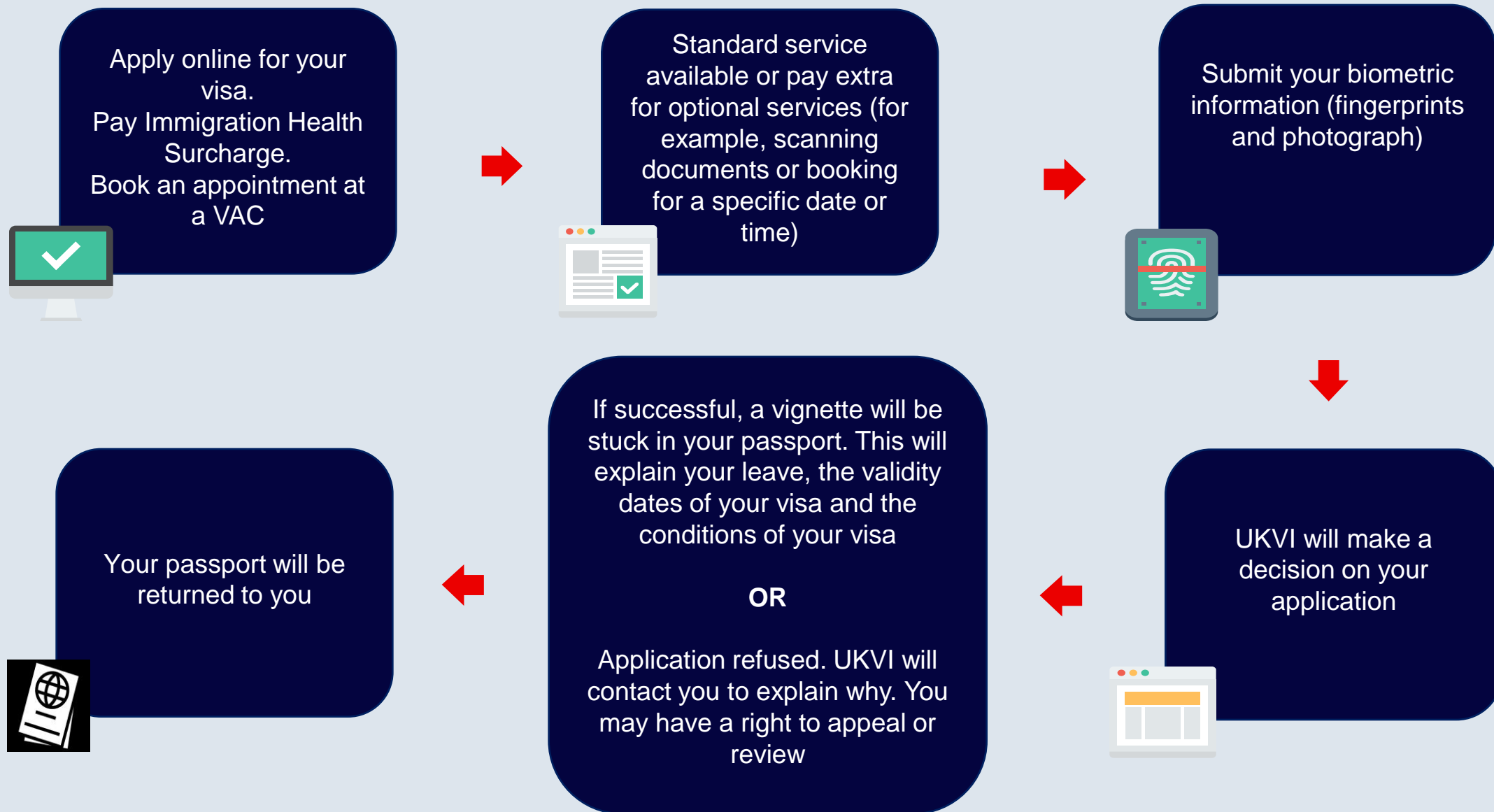
Differential evidence requirement

You do not need to prove you have enough money to support yourself if you are a British National (Overseas) ((BN(O))) or from one of the countries or territories listed under the 'differential evidence requirement'. However you do need to have enough funds to make an application.

For more information see www.gov.uk/student-visa/money



Visa application process – prove your identity at a Visa Application Centre (VAC)



Processing times (from outside the UK)

- UKVI starts processing your application once you submit your application (including biometrics) on the [UK Immigration: ID Check app](#) or at a [VAC](#).
- Processing times usually take up to **3 weeks**
- You may be able to pay to get a faster decision on your application.
 - within **5 working days** ('**Priority Visa service**')
 - by the end of the **next working day** ('**Super Priority Visa service**')
- Applications [may take longer to process](#), some reasons for this may include:
 - the information in your application is not accurate or requires further consideration
 - you need to provide further evidence, for example evidence of funds



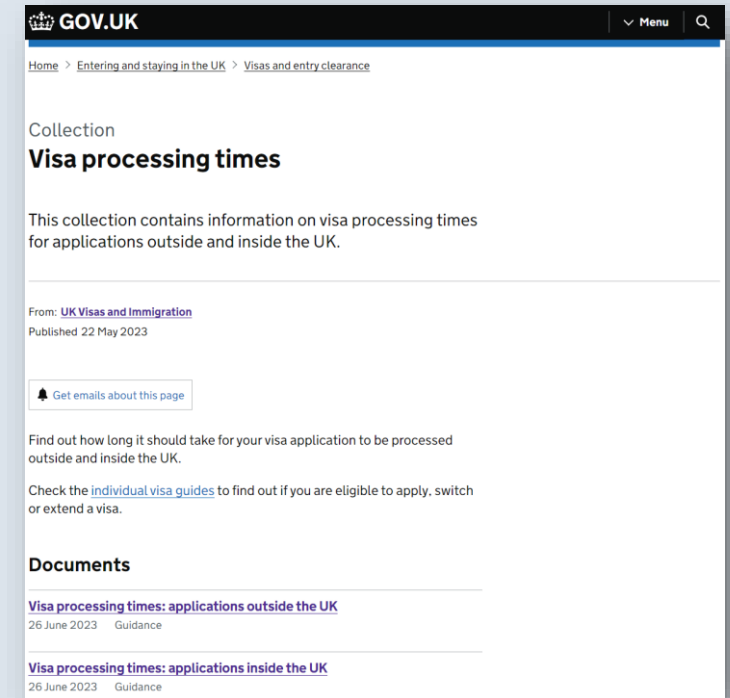
Processing times (from outside the UK)

UKVI will contact you once a [decision has been made on your application](#).

You do not need to contact UKVI to track your application if you've already made a visa application and it is still within current processing times.

Find out more:

www.gov.uk/guidance/visa-processing-times-applications-outside-the-uk



Application tips

- Once a CAS has been issued, apply for your visa as soon as possible to avoid busy periods/delays
- Check that your CAS is for the correct visa
- Include all necessary documents
- Include official translations of your documents
- Include a supporting letter to explain any gaps in your study – for example, periods of employment
- Disclose your full travel history – including visas refused
- Disclose any forms of criminality – including minor offences
- Include your birth certificate and parental consent letter if under 18
- If you are using the UK Immigration: ID Check app - after you have paid for your application, make sure you confirm you have submitted your documents. Your application can't be processed if you miss this step

Travel to the UK

You can travel to the UK before your course starts:

- Up to 1 week before if course lasts 6 months or less
- Up to 1 month before if course lasts more than 6 months



You must not travel to the UK before the start date given on your visa



Useful links & QR codes

UK Immigration: ID Check app	www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-uk-immigration-id-check-app	
View and prove your immigration status	www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status	
Biometric Residence Permit	www.gov.uk/biometric-residence-permits	
Processing times	www.gov.uk/guidance/visa-processing-times-applications-outside-the-uk	
VFS.Global	www.vfsglobal.com/en/individuals/index.html	
TLSSContact	www.tlscontact.com/en/	
Guidance on illegal migration	Fraud, Tricks and Scams guidance	

The transition to eVisas

- ❖ BRP cards has been phased out at the end of 2024.
- ❖ You will need to create a UKVI account to be able to access your eVisa.
- ❖ Updating a physical document to an eVisa does not affect the immigration status or the conditions of permission to enter or stay in the UK.



www.gov.uk/evisa

Online Immigration Status (eVisa)

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UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) are replacing physical documents with an online record of your immigration status. This is known as an eVisa.

The benefits of eVisas include :

- they are secure and cannot be lost, stolen or tampered with, unlike a physical document
- you will not need to wait for, or collect, a physical document after your application is decided it will be quicker and easier to prove your status at the UK border, and share your status with third parties like employers and landlords

The documents being replaced are:

- biometric residence permits (BRP)
- biometric residence cards (BRC)
- passport endorsements, such as indefinite leave to enter wet ink stamps
- vignette stickers in passports, such as entry clearance or visa vignettes

The latest information on eVisas is available at www.gov.uk/evisa. Visitors to this webpage can register to receive updates whenever this page is updated.

Accessing your eVisa

You need to **create a UKVI account** to access your eVisa and share information about your immigration status 您需要创建一个UKVI

- Updating your physical document to an eVisa does not affect your immigration status or the conditions of your permission to enter or stay in the UK.
- You do not have to pay to create a UKVI account.
- Once you have created your UKVI account you will be able to view the details of your eVisa online, for example your type of permission, when it expires and your conditions of stay in the UK.



If your BRP expired on 31 December 2024 and you still have permission to stay in the UK, you should continue to carry your BRP with you when you travel to the UK until 31 March 2025.

You can use an eVisa to travel to the UK together with your current passport which must be linked to your UKVI account. You should also get a share code to prove your immigration status before you travel. Your carrier may ask for it. A share code is valid for 90 days.

www.gov.uk/evisa

eVisa actions

If you have a biometric residence permit (BRP)

- You can now create a UKVI account and access your eVisa. Once you've created your UKVI account you will be able to sign in to the view and prove service to access your eVisa.

If you need to make a new application

- You should follow the usual application process.
- There will be information and guidance provided during your application process if you need to create a UKVI account.

If you have another document (such as a wet-ink stamp)

- Check the information at www.gov.uk/evisa for further information.

Customers who already have an eVisa

- Keep your personal and contact details up to date.
- If you get a new passport, sign-in to your UKVI account and link the new passport to your eVisa.



www.gov.uk/evisa

Journey changed: What you need to do now when starting your student visa journey outside the UK

Apply and submit biometrics: Apply for your student visa as normal via gov.uk, including submitting your biometrics at one of our Visa Application Centres (VAC), unless you can prove your identity using the ID Check app.

Await decision and receive visa: If you are granted a student visa, you will still receive a vignette (visa sticker) in your passport and you will be invited to collect your passport from the VAC.

**NEW**

Create a UKVI account: You should create a UKVI account to access your eVisa. You can create your account with either your BRP, or a valid passport with your BRP number or visa application number (GWF). You will then be able to share your immigration status easily using the 'View and Prove' service.

Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA)

We are introducing an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) scheme as part of our transformation and digitisation of the UK border – an ETA is a digital permission to travel.

ETAs are being introduced worldwide for **visitors to the UK who do not currently need a visa for short stays**, or who do not already have a UK immigration status.

The introduction of the ETA scheme is in line with the approach many other countries have taken to border security and helps prevent the arrival of those who present a threat to the UK.

Visitors to the UK who do not currently need a visa for short stay can apply in advance from **27 November 2024** and will need an ETA to travel from **8 January 2025**.

www.gov.uk/electronic-travel-authorisation



Apply for an ETA

An ETA costs £10 and permits multiple journeys to the UK over two years or until the holder's passport expires – whichever is sooner.

The application process is simple and fast. Applicants usually get a decision within three working days, but they may get a quicker decision.

The fastest way to apply is using the 'UK ETA app'. You can also apply online at GOV.UK if you do not have access to a smartphone.

To apply for an ETA, individuals need to:

- Pay a fee
- Provide contact and passport details
- Provide a valid photo
- Answer a set of questions

www.gov.uk/electronic-travel-authorisation



Further information

The GOV.UK website always provides the latest UK visa information

eVisas

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/evisa>

Electronic travel authorisation (ETA)

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/electronic-travel-authorisation>

Ask about an eVisa, UKVI account or sharing your immigration status

<https://ukimmigration-support-webchat.homeoffice.gov.uk/evisa>

How to create a UKVI eVisa account? (video)



What is an ETA? (video)



Online ETA presentations



Graduate Visa



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Graduate visa

- Opportunity to work in the UK for 2 years (bachelor/master degree graduates) or 3 years (PHD graduates)
- No sponsorship required





Eligibility

- Education provider has told Home Office you have successfully completed an eligible course
- Graduated from an approved institution
- Must apply in UK - before student visa expires
- Pay application fee plus Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS)

Graduate visa application process



Useful links & QR codes

Student visa information	www.gov.uk/student-visa	
Graduate visa information	www.gov.uk/graduate-visa	
Documents required	www.gov.uk/student-visa/documents-you-must-provide	
Funds	www.gov.uk/student-visa/money	
Don't fall for fraud	Fraud, Tricks and Scams guidance	

Contact UKVI

If you require further information or have any queries, you can contact UKVI online or by phone:

www.gov.uk/contact-ukvi-inside-outside-uk



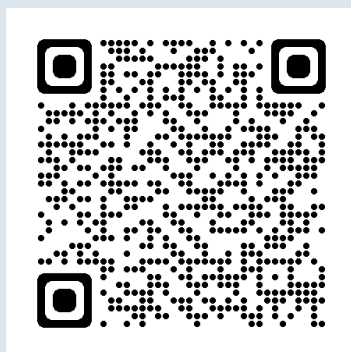


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