

Applying for UK Student Visa



UK Visas
& Immigration



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Do you need a student visa?

British Citizens



NO

Student Route visas

EU Citizens



YES

Student Route visas

**EU citizens include EU, EEA and Swiss citizens*

Other Citizens



YES

Student Route visas



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 less than 6 – 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

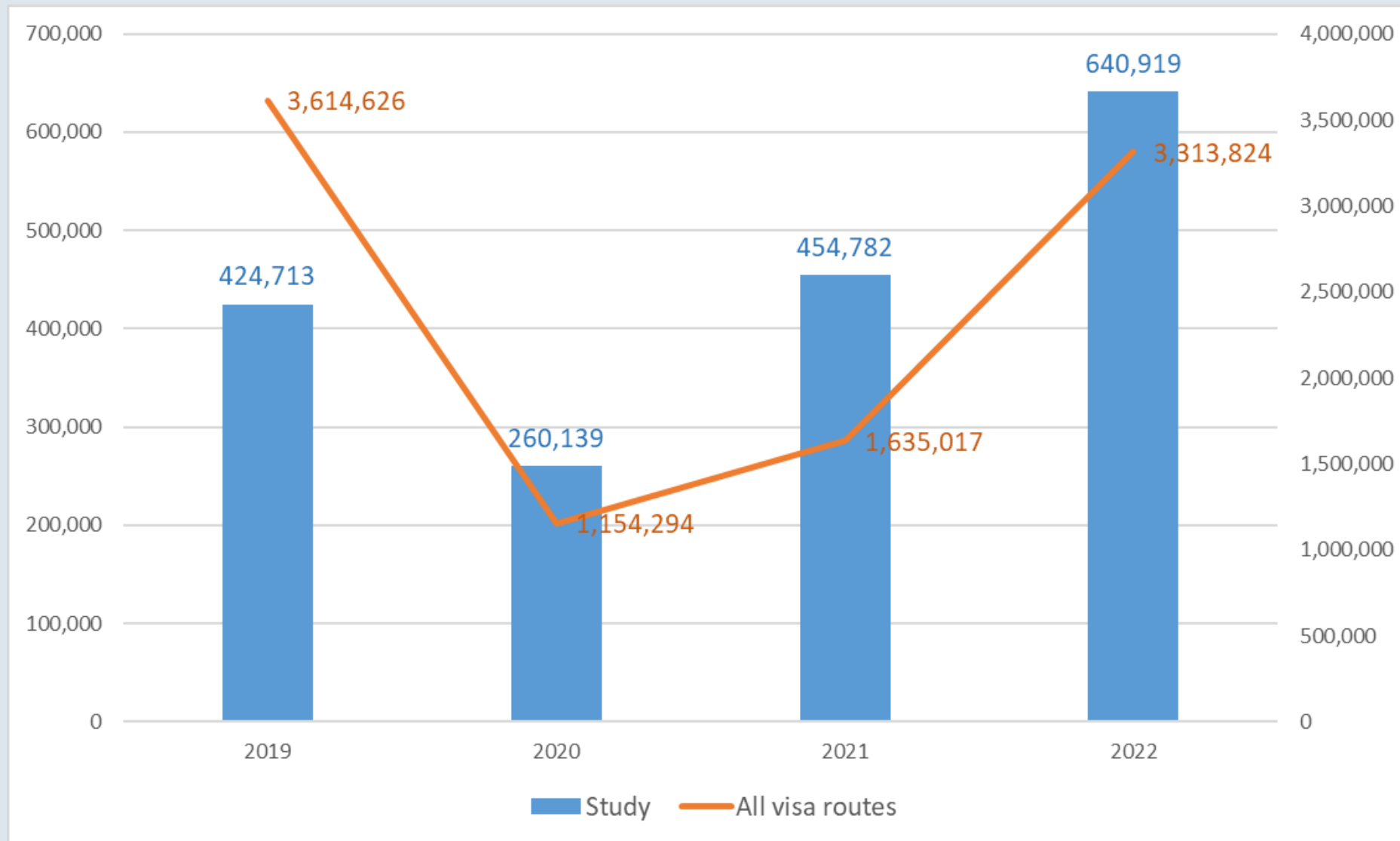
Child Student Under 18
Study at an independent school with a licenced Child Student sponsor.

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



Immigration Statistics

Study route applications relative to all routes globally.





Immigration Statistics

East Asia and South East Asia Issue rates

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Issued	209,379	112,001	157,986	145,182
Refused	1,689	465	352	650
Withdrawn	157	191	176	450
Lapsed	1	1	1	-
Issued rate	99.13%	99.42%	99.67%	99.25%
Global issued rate	96.10%	95.98%	97.57%	97.85%

Source: [Gov.uk - Entry Clearance Applications and Outcomes](#)

Further information on migration statistics can be found [here](#)

Visa application process

Application made online

- Fill Application form
- Pay Visa fee and IHS fee
- Book appointment and upload supporting documents



Pre-application

- Check visa route
- Prepare documents
- Obtain CAS



Attend the Visa Application Centre

Submit passport and
biometrics details

Biometrics and
documents sent to
visa section



Visa refused

Passport and documents
returned to applicant.



Visa granted

visa added to passport and
returned to applicant.

 Applicant process



Pre-application sources of information

Student Routes Visa Guidance

General information of the student route, which should give you sufficient information of this route.

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

Immigration Rules: Appendix Student

If you cannot find the information you seek in the above guidance, and would like to look at the immigration rules for student visa.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/appendix-student>

Caseworker Guidance: Student and Child Student

If you have read the immigration rules and you are unsure of the interpretation or still cannot find the answer you seek.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/points-based-system-student-route/student-and-child-student-accessible>

Processing time - Student



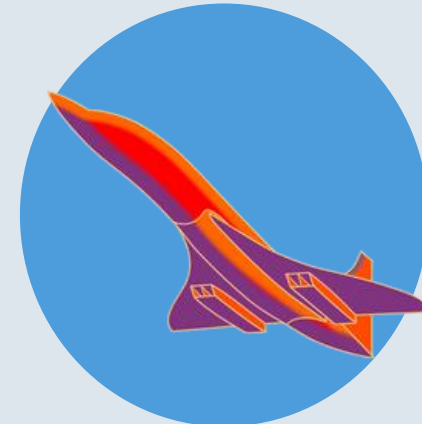
Standard Service

15 working days



Priority Service

5 working days




Super Priority Service

by the end of the next
working day

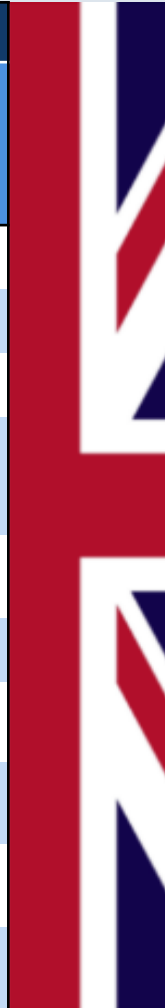
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/visa-decision-waiting-times-applications-outside-the-uk>

Differentiation Arrangement (APPENDIX H)

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

Supporting Documents

Documents	Student		Child Student	
	Differentiation arrangements	NON-Differentiation arrangements	Differentiation arrangements	NON-Differentiation arrangements
IHS ref number	✓	✓	✓	✓
TB certificate	✓	✓	✓	✓
ATAS (if applicable)	✓	✓		
Parental consent	✓ (under 18s)	✓ (under 18s/parent's funds)	✓	✓
Proof of parent-child relationship	✓ (under 18s)	✓	✓	✓
Care arrangements			✓	✓
Evidence of funds		✓		✓
Other documents listed on CAS		✓		✓
Previous BRP (if applicable)	✓	✓	✓	✓
EN translation (if applicable)	✓	✓	✓	✓



Work conditions on a student visa



A full time course at degree level RQF Level 6 (and equivalents) or above sponsored by a UK recognised body or a body in receipt of public funding as a Higher Education Institution.

20 hours per week during term time

Full-time during vacations.

Unsuccessful applications – Common reasons

- ❖ Not including the correct supporting documents or submitting documents without translations.
- ❖ Forgetting to get a Tuberculosis and/or ATAS Certificate (if applicable).
- ❖ Failing to disclose full travel or immigration history.



Graduate Route

This route is for international students who want to work following the successful completion of a course of study at UK bachelor's degree-level or above.

Eligibility

- Must be in the UK
- Must have a Student visa
- Studied a UK bachelor's degree level or above
- You've completed the course

Duration

- 2 years
- 3 years (PHD students)



Changes to student visa route

- ❖ Limit the right to bring dependants on the student route other than those on postgraduate research programmes;
- ❖ Remove the ability to switch out of student routes into work routes before successful completion of studies and review the maintenance requirements.

The changes are effective and will apply to students starting courses in January 2024.

Top Tips



Useful links

Student Routes Visa Guidance

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

Approved SELT Centres

www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-applying-for-uk-visa-approved-english-language-tests

BRP

www.gov.uk/biometric-residence-permits

TB Test

<https://www.gov.uk/tb-test-visa>

Visa Application Centre

<https://www.vfsglobal.com>

<https://visa.vfsglobal.com/>

For the latest student visa decision waiting times see

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

Contact UKVI

<https://www.gov.uk/contact-ukvi-inside-outside-uk>

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