

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVICE TEAM

Graduate Route Online Application in the UK

The following link takes you to the Graduate Route application form:

[Graduate visa: Apply - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/apply-graduate-visa)

You will need an e-mail address and password so that you can save your application and go back to it later.

You can only apply for this visa from within the UK.

You cannot apply if you have, or previously had, permission under DES.

Eligibility

The University is a Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance which means you are eligible to apply under the Graduate Route. However, you do not need sponsorship or an endorsement letter from the University because this is not a sponsored visa.

You must have a valid Tier 4 or Student visa at the time of application.

Qualification Requirement

You must have successfully completed a degree at undergraduate level or above during your current period of Tier 4 or Student permission. A PGDE or a DPLP are also relevant courses. The University will be required to notify the Home Office when a student has successfully completed their programme of study. Please note that successful completion of your degree is not when your classes have finished and you have submitted your final piece of work, or when you graduate, but when the University releases your final results following the assessment boards.

Study in the UK Requirement

For a course of 12 months or less you must have studied the whole course in the UK. For a course of more than 12 months, you must have studied in the UK for at least 12 months. This is called the "relevant period". There are currently some concessions in place due to Coronavirus:

[Covid-19: Guidance for Student sponsors, migrants and Short-term students \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/guidance/foreign-students-and-sponsors)

You are required to have held a Student (Tier 4) visa for the whole of the "relevant period".

Application Fee

The Graduate Route application fee is currently £700.

You will need a Debit or Credit Card to pay for your application online.

Mandatory Documents

Current passport

Biometric Residence Permit

Police Registration Certificate (if applicable)

National Identity Card Number (if your card is still valid) but not the actual card

Confirmation of Successful Completion

Our Student Immigration Compliance Team will e-mail you to confirm when they have reported the successful completion of your degree course to UK Visas. You will not be able to submit your Graduate Route visa application until this has been done.

CAS Number

You will need the CAS number from your current Student (or Tier 4) visa. If you do not have this, it will be provided in the e-mail from the Student Immigration Compliance Team.

Financial evidence

You are not required to provide financial evidence.

English Language

Successful completion of your degree course will satisfy this requirement.

Official Financial Sponsor's Letter

If your tuition fees and living costs have been paid by a government or an international scholarship agency within the 12-month period before you apply, you must provide a letter confirming your Official Financial Sponsor's consent to your application under the Graduate route.

Immigration Health Surcharge

As part of your Graduate Route visa application, you are required to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS). The process for doing this is integrated into the online Graduate Route visa application form. As you work your way through the form, you will be taken to a section which assesses how much you are required to pay. You will have to make this payment before you can complete the online visa application.

The cost for Graduate Route applicants is **£624** per year.

Dependants

If you have family that are dependants of your Tier 4 or Student visa already, they can apply in the UK to extend their permission as your dependant under the Graduate Route. Unfortunately, new dependants (i.e. those who wish to join you inside the UK as your Graduate Route dependant) are not eligible to apply. They must first get a visa to join you as your Student dependant.

Each dependant will have to submit a separate form at:

[Graduate visa: Your partner and children - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/graduate-visa-your-partner-and-children)

Your dependants will need your Unique Application Number (UAN) from your own application.

The same mandatory documents will be required for any dependants. In addition, you will need proof of your ongoing relationship.

The visa application fee is the same for dependants. The IHS is the same for your partner but children who are under the age of 18 at the time of the application will pay **£470** per year. The form asks for the main applicant's visa expiry date. You should calculate 2 years, or 3 years for PhDs, from the date of application.

If your dependant has, in the 12 months before the date of application, been awarded a scholarship or sponsorship by a government or international scholarship agency covering both tuition fees and living costs for study in the UK, they must provide a letter from that government or agency giving permission for an application to stay in the UK as a Graduate dependant.

Visa Period Granted

Undergraduate and Masters students will get a visa for 2 years.

PhD students will get a visa for 3 years.

The Graduate Route is not extendable; however, you may be able to switch to the Skilled Worker route should you find a suitable job.

Application Process

For most applicants the process will be entirely digital. You will use the 'UK Immigration ID Check' app to verify your identity. The app is free and is compatible with Android phones and iPhone 7 or newer models. If you do not own a compatible phone, you can use the app from a family member or friend's phone.

If your application is successful, you will be issued with an eVisa.

With regard to work, you are still under Tier 4/Student rules until the Graduate Route visa has been granted.

Advice

The University is not permitted to give advice to students about making an application under the Graduate route. This is confirmed in the Student Sponsor Guidance published by UK Visas.

Further Information

UKCISA: UK Council for International Student Affairs:

[UKCISA - international student advice and guidance - Working after studies](https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/)

UK Visas:

[The points-based immigration system: The Graduate immigration route \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/671112/graduate-immigration-route.pdf)