

Details on how to apply:

What the learner requirements are:

When applying for an immigration permission via to allow you to study in the UK, you will need one of the following:

- Visitor Visa – Study for less than six months
- Student Visa – Study for over six months
- Electronic Visa Waiver – Available for residents of Kuwait, Oman, Qatar or the United Arab Emirates

For courses over six months, students will require sponsorship from us and a CAS to apply for a Student visa. CAS will be sent as a PDF file via electronic file transfer.

#### **English assessment – courses over 6 months**

It is a UKVI requirement that students will be required to provide evidence of their competence in English.

We will be unable to issue a CAS REFERENCE without you providing us with valid evidence of results from an approved test. Details of approved test providers can be found at the below website:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/869997/Approved\\_Secure\\_English\\_Language\\_Test\\_Centres\\_9.3.20.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/869997/Approved_Secure_English_Language_Test_Centres_9.3.20.pdf)

Please note that if you proved your level of English in a previous successful UK visa application you do not need to undertake a new SELT test – please send us a copy of your SELT test certificate and we will determine if it can be used for the new Student visa application.

We are now unable to accept high school certificates.

For visa applications for course duration over 6 months the following test providers are accepted by UKVI and by Tyne Coast College for English language purposes:

1. **IELTS for UKVI** (<http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/ielts-ukvi>) we have a new minimum score criteria of:

HNC/HND courses:

**Overall band score – 5.5**, Listening 5.0, Speaking – 5.0, Reading – 5.0, Writing – 5.0

Degree courses:

**Overall band score – 6.0**, Listening 5.5, Speaking – 5.5, Reading – 5.5, Writing – 5.5

(Note that you will need to achieve more than 5.5 in each category to enable you to achieve an overall score of at least 6.0 – the scores listed above are as the minimum standard)

2. **LanguageCert International ESOL** (<https://www.languagecert.org/study-in-the-uk>)

HNC/HND courses:

**SELT B1** Listening 33/50, Reading 33/50, Writing 33/50, Speaking 33/50

Degree courses:

**SELT B2** Listening 33/50, Reading 33/50, Writing 33/50, Speaking 33/50

### 3. Pearson PTE Academic UKVI (<https://pearsonpte.com/pte-academic-ukvi/>)

HNC/HND courses:

Listening 43, Reading 43, Writing 43, Speaking 43

Degree courses:

Listening 59, Reading 59, Writing 59, Speaking 59

### 4. PSI Skills for English (<https://skillsforenglish.com/uk-visas/which-selt-level/>)

**HNC/HND courses:**

**B1** Listening - Pass, Reading - Pass, Writing - Pass, Speaking - Pass

**Degree courses:**

**B2** Listening - Pass, Reading - Pass, Writing - Pass, Speaking – Pass

#### **TB screening**

[Tuberculosis tests for visa applicants: Overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tuberculosis-tests-for-visa-applicants)

The UK Visa and Immigration have a system in place for testing students for tuberculosis before entry into the UK.

If you want to travel to the UK for longer than 6 months you must be screened and obtain a certificate from an approved clinic to show that you are free of TB before you make a UK visa application in the categories listed above.

There will be a fee for the diagnostic tests which can be found on the specific country detail links below. The certificate will usually be valid for 6 months. If you are tested positive for TB you will be referred for treatment. You will not be permitted to travel to the UK until you have been tested as being free of TB, including following successful treatment.

#### **UKVI Maintenance**

Students must expect to show that they can maintain themselves regardless of which type of visa they are applying for, but for Student route, the requirements are stipulated in the Immigration Rules Appendix Finance:-

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

For Student route, SSMS students must be able to show that they have a minimum of £1023 per month of their course, up to a maximum of nine months, which is £9207. If the CAS covers less than nine months, odd days are always rounded up to include an extra month of funds required.

Students can use money owned by themselves, their parents or legal guardian.

Money that can be used can also be found on the Immigration rule Appendix Finance

Money in the bank in overseas currency will be checked for the official exchange rate on the OANDA website

<https://www.oanda.com> which is used by the Home Office for visa applications.

If a student has a sponsor, which must be either an International Company or a Government Sponsor, then a suitable letter must be provided which stipulates that the student is sponsored for all course fees and maintenance.

### **EU students:**

The UK left the European Union on 31 January 2020. Free movement between the UK and the European Union ended on 31 December 2020. This means from 1 January 2021, if EU learners do not already live in the UK or have rights under the Withdrawal Agreement, they will need to meet specific requirements and apply through the PBS to study in the UK. They will also need to pass relevant checks, including UK criminality checks. They can continue to visit the UK for up to 6 months, without applying for a visa and may participate in a wide range of activities, including tourism, visiting family and friends, short term study and business-related activities, such as events and conferences

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/931352/The\\_UK\\_s\\_points-based\\_immigration\\_system\\_Introduction\\_for\\_EU\\_students.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/931352/The_UK_s_points-based_immigration_system_Introduction_for_EU_students.pdf)

Any new enrolments from 1<sup>st</sup> July:

For courses **under 6 months**, there is no additional documents to check/record, as they do not need a visa to study for up to 6 months. They won't get an entry/visa stamp in their passport, but since we are going to take a copy of their passport anyways, I would suggest we also take a copy of their stamp to say they have landed in the UK. Then we can use this to check if we have any queries.

For courses **over 6 months**, students will either need to apply for a Student route visa.

There will be a selection of EU and EEA learners that applied for the EU settlement scheme that would have granted a form of settlement in the UK. For these learners, they will have received a '*share code*' as part of their settlement application, which is used to prove their immigration status, along with their DOB, we can check their status using the following link

[What is the share code? \(apply-to-visit-or-stay-in-the-uk.homeoffice.gov.uk\)](https://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/apply-to-visit-or-stay-in-the-uk)

### **Advising the Students**

Advice is available on the UK Visa and Immigration website:

<https://www.gov.uk/visas-immigration>

As well as offering general guidance, all students should be referred to the Gov.uk website in every instance in order that they understand what they are doing when making their applications.

<https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/> is a useful source for information for all things Student / UKVI and has good links

For Student route - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/points-based-system-student-route> and  
for Visitor Visas- <https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa>