



UK Student Visa:
An introduction for
EU students



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Before you travel to the UK, please make sure to review and fully understand the Covid-19 travel restrictions that currently apply in England. The rules vary according to country and can change with very little notice. For the latest information please click [here](#). If you require any support, you can email us at visasupportlondon@escp.eu and we will try our best to assist you.

Studies of six months or longer

If your course is longer than six months, you will need to apply for a Student visa.

In addition to allowing you to study, the Student visa will also enable you to work in the UK.

You will need to complete an online application, pay the application fee of £348 and an annual Immigration Health Surcharge.

Studies of up to six months

If your time studying at the London Campus is six months or less, you will not need a visa to study in the UK. However, you will be unable to perform any type of paid or unpaid work or apply for an internship during your stay.

When you arrive in the UK, you will need your enrolment letter indicating your course dates as proof of your studies at ESCP. If you do not have an enrolment letter prior to traveling to the UK, please contact your Admissions Coordinator.

Applying for a Student visa

You will be able to apply for a Student visa up to six months before your course starts. Most people will be able to complete their application online including identity verification using the 'UK Immigration ID-Check' app. The app is compatible with most Android and iOS mobile phones. To check if your mobile device is compatible, please click [here](#). Some applicants may need to attend a Visa Application Centre if they are unable to access the app, or if they do not have a biometric passport. To check if your passport is biometric, look for the following symbol at the bottom of the front cover:



When the time comes to apply for your visa, you can start the process by accessing gov.uk/student-visa/apply.

You must have a valid Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS).

A CAS letter is an electronic document issued by universities in support of a Student visa application. ESCP will provide you with a CAS letter with a unique reference (CAS number) which you must add to your visa application.

Documents required to obtain a CAS Letter:

- Unconditional Offer Letter or Enrolment Letter
- Passport valid for the full duration of your course
- Academic records or transcripts of your previous institution of education/studies
- English Proficiency Certificate. This can be an IELTS SELT Consortium or Pearson certificate. If you do not have such certificate, ESCP can assess your level of English. Please contact visasupportlondon@escp.eu to arrange a test.
- If you are under 18 years old, you must provide written consent from your parents to travel and study independently in the UK. You must also submit copies of your parents' passports and your birth certificate.

To request a CAS letter, please send all your documents no later than six weeks prior to your course start date to visasupportlondon@escp.eu.

All documents in any language other than English must be fully translated by a certified translator prior to submission.

Visa Application Fees

A Student visa application costs £348.

You will need to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge as part of your application. The fee is £470 per year. Paying the Immigration Health Surcharge gives you access to the UK's National Health Service (NHS).

If you are given a visa that exceeds 12 months, you will be required to pay half of the yearly surcharge fee for any period of a year that is less than six months. For example, if your visa is issued for 14 months, you will be charged £470 (for 12 months) + £235 (for the extra two months), making the full fee £705.

If your student visa started on or after 1 January 2021 and you hold a valid EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) during your stay in the UK, you may be eligible for a full or partial refund of your Immigration Health Surcharge payment. For more information on this, please visit gov.uk/healthcare-immigration-application/refunds

Work

Students on Student visas will be able to work part-time during term (up to 20 hours a week) and full time during school holidays or on a work placement as part of the course.

Visa Duration

Your visa will be granted for the duration of the course plus four months if the course is 12 months or longer, or the duration of the course plus two months if the course is between six and 12 months.

GRADUATE IMMIGRATION ROUTE

After successfully completing their degree, students will have the opportunity to apply for the Graduate visa. This visa allows graduates to work, look for work, or be self-employed for up to two years in the UK. Applications must be made from within the United Kingdom.

To be eligible to apply for the Graduate visa, you must:

- Successfully complete a course in the UK at degree level or above.
- Have studied in the UK on a Student visa for the full duration of your course (if shorter than 12 months) or for at least 12 months (if your course is longer than 12 months). Exceptions may be made for permitted study-abroad programmes.
- Finish your course in the UK prior to making the visa application.
- Apply for the visa from within the UK and not travel abroad while the application is being processed.
- Pay the application fee of £700.
- Pay the Immigration Health Surcharge of £1248.

The Graduate visa is non-extendable. However, students will have the option to switch to a Skilled Worker visa which will enable them to remain in the UK and carry out employment activities with an eligible sponsor. Further details on the Skilled Worker visa can be found [here](#).

For more information on the Graduate visa route and how to apply, please visit gov.uk/graduate-visa.



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