



International Student Advice Team

Student visa application guide - Applying for your student visa outside the UK

Introduction

This is a **guide** for **University of Surrey** students who are applying for their student visa from **outside the UK** and covers most of the questions you will see during your application.

To begin your student visa application from outside the UK please follow this link: <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/apply-online>

You should only apply for your student visa once you have received your CAS, please check your CAS carefully before beginning your student visa extension application. If you notice any errors on your CAS, if you notice an errors on your CAS, please let us know by booking an appointment or asking a question via Surrey Support.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS HONESTLY AND ACCURATELY

IMPORTANT

From Thursday 26 March 2026, all new sponsored student visa applications for applicants from Sudan, Afghanistan, Cameroon, and Myanmar will be paused until further notice. This only includes applications submitted from outside the UK, those submitted from inside the UK are unaffected. At the time of writing, it does not impact students from any other nation. Our article here explains this Home Office announcement in some more detail: <https://my.surrey.ac.uk/news/uk-government-announced-break-visa-applications-four-countries>

Book an
appointment



Please contact us if you are affected and have any questions.

Disclaimer: Please note that the Home Office can alter the format or phrasing of these questions at any time; the order of the questions during your application may vary to what is on this guide

Student Visa Application Guide
(Applying from outside UK) - Last
Updated June 2026

Surrey Support



Frequently Asked Questions

When will I receive a decision on my student visa application?

It can at least to 3 weeks to receive a decision on a student visa application made outside the UK. You may be able to receive a decision faster by paying an additional amount to use the priority service, please note that details about the priority service can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/faster-decision-visa-settlement>. Please note that the priority service is subject to availability whilst the estimated processing times of the priority service is not always guaranteed.

When can I travel to the UK?

You can travel once your visa has been granted however you can only travel **within the validity of your student visa** (between your visa start and end date, this will be mentioned on your decision email/letter). **Please do not attempt to enter the UK before the start date of your student visa.**

How will I be able to prove my immigration status when entering the UK?

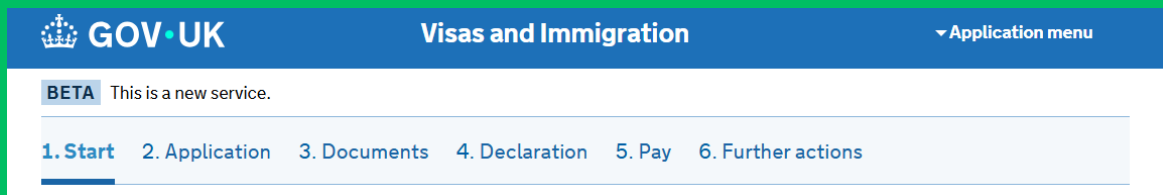
With your eVisa, your Evisa will act as a digital record of your immigration status. Once your student visa is approved you will receive instructions within your decision email/letter on how to create a UKVI account to access your eVisa. You must set up your UKVI account to access your eVisa, and link your eVisa to your current passport, before travelling to the UK. Further information about eVisa can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/evisa>

Can the University contact the Home Office to speed up my application?

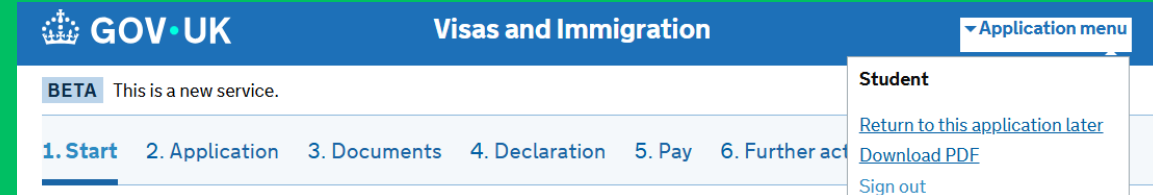
The University has no influence on student visa applications and an enquiry into your application will not speed up or influence your student visa application. If you have been waiting beyond the estimated processing times, and you have not received any updates from the Home Office, please contact us

How do my dependants apply for their student visa?

If you are permitted to have dependants on your student visa they will need to submit a separate student visa dependant application, please refer to the information on page 17 of this guide for further details.



Once you have begun your application you will see this at the top of the page to show you what section of the application you are on.



Selecting application menu will allow you to see these options. If you want us to review your application, please select Application menu and 'Download as PDF'

A screenshot of the 'Check your answers' section of the application. The title 'Check your answers' is in bold. Below it, a message says 'Check the information below before you continue to the next section.' The section is titled 'Personal information' and contains several fields: 'Who does this email address belong to?' with the value 'k.opoku@surrey.ac.uk' and a 'Change' link; 'Do you have another email address?' with a 'Change' link; 'Provide your telephone number' with a 'Change' link; 'Where do you use this telephone number?' with a 'Change' link; 'Select whether this is your home, mobile or work telephone number' with an 'Add another' link; and 'Are you able to be contacted by telephone?' with a 'Change' link.

After certain sections in the application, you will be able to check your answers

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DO NOT proceed past the Declaration Section if you would like us to review your answers, if you do you will not be able to make any changes to application if you need to.

Register an email

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[Check if your nationality is affected before applying.](#)

Enter an email address and password so you can save your answers. You will then be emailed a unique link to let you log back in to your application at a later point, if needed.

Throughout your application, you can select the option to 'Return to this application later' in order to re-send the link to your latest saved application.

Email address

Create a password

Your password must be 10 characters or longer and must contain at least 3 of the following:

- uppercase letter
- lowercase letter
- a number
- a symbol

Repeat your password

Save and continue

At the start of the application, you will be asked to register an email (if you don't have a biometric chip in your passport)

Make sure you register an email address you have access to and check regularly, we advise providing your personal email address

Once you have chosen an email and set a password you will be asked to verify your email, you must do this before you can submit your application

UKVI will also email you a link to the application form which you can use to log back into your application

***If you do have biometric chip, you will be asked to either create or sign into your UKVI account. To create your UKVI account please have your date of birth, passport, email address, and phone number ready**

Where are you planning to live?

- ☒ England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland
- ☐ Jersey, Guernsey or the Isle of Man

Continue



Unless you are intending of living in Jersey, Guernsey, or the Isle of Man, please select **England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland** as where you plan on living.

Do you have a current EU, EEA or Swiss passport?

The EEA includes the EU countries and Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Continue



Answer appropriately

Does your passport have a biometric chip?

If your passport has a biometric chip, it will have this symbol:



☐ Yes ☐ No

Continue

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Visas and Immigration

Check available visa application centre locations

! To check the availability of services at your preferred application centre you can find more information by visiting the website of our commercial partner [VFS Global](#) who operates our centres around the world.

You can find all VAC locations by checking the '[Find a visa application centre](#)' page on GOV.UK. They are also listed on our commercial partners' websites.

Once you have confirmed your location you will not be able to change it.

There may not be a VAC in your preferred location. Try an alternative location if this is the case.

You must select a location even if you believe you are unable to provide your biometrics at any location.



☐ I have identified the location I will submit my application and provide my biometrics, if required for the permission I am applying for (or I am unable to provide my biometrics at any location).

☐ I want to choose a different location.

Next

Answer appropriately

If your passport has a biometric chip, you should be able to use the '[UK Immigration ID Check](#)' app to scan your passport and upload a picture of yourself.

If you do not have a biometric chip in your passport, or you can't use the app, you will need to go to a [Visa Application Centre \(VAC\)](#) instead to provide your biometrics.

You must choose the country where you want to provide your biometrics. If there is no VAC in your chosen country, you can choose an alternative location. Once you have chosen your country you will see this page

Answer appropriately

Make sure you are happy with the location you have chosen before selecting that you have identified the location you will submit your application and provide biometrics.

If you are not happy with your location, select choose a different location and select a suitable one.

Your telephone number

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We may contact you by telephone if we have any further questions about your application, or about your immigration status after your application has been decided.

You must notify us immediately if the contact telephone number(s) you provide as part of this application change.

Provide your telephone number

Only include numbers, and for international numbers include the country code. You will be able to add any additional telephone numbers after you click 'Save and continue'.

Where do you use this telephone number?

You can select more than one option

☐

For use whilst in the UK

☐

For use whilst out of the UK

Select whether this is your home, mobile or work telephone number

You can select more than one option

☐

Home telephone number

☐

Business telephone number

☐

Mobile telephone number

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Contacting you by telephone

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Are you able to be contacted by telephone?

☐

I can be contacted by telephone call and text message (SMS)

☐

I can only be contacted by telephone call

☐

I can only be contacted by text message (SMS)

☐

I cannot be contacted by telephone call or text message (SMS)

[Save and continue](#)

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Answer appropriately

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Scholarships

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Answer appropriately

Confirm here if you have received any
of the mentioned scholarships

Do you have a Fulbright, Marshall, Chevening, or Commonwealth scholarship?

Check the [postgraduate scholarship guidance](#), if you do not know.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Save and continue

Your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies

Do you have a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies reference number

Save and continue

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You must have received your CAS
before you can submit your student
visa application

Please enter your CAS number, you
can find this on your CAS
statement

Your course start date

When will your course start?

For example, 27 10 2023

If you do not know this date, check with your education provider.

Day Month Year

[Why we need this date](#)

Save and continue

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Enter your course start date, you
can find this on your CAS

Your course end date

When does your course end?

For example, 27 10 2023

Day Month Year

[Why we need this date](#)

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Enter your course end date, you can
find this on your CAS

Your name

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Enter your name as shown on your passport or travel document. Use the English spelling of your name where provided.

You must tell us your full name.

Given name(s)

Your given name is usually your first name. If you have middle names, include these with your given name. If your name has a suffix (e.g. Jr), include this with your given name. If you have a patronymic name, include it with your given name. You must tell us all your given names.

Family name

Your family name is the surname shared by your family.

[I do not have a current passport or travel document](#)

Save and continue



Answer appropriately

Any other names

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In addition to the names already provided, are you now or have you ever been known by another name?

You must provide all your names. For example, if you changed your name after marriage or have a different name that you use for professional purposes.

☐

Yes

☐

No

Save and continue



Answer appropriately

If yes, you will be asked for the details of your other name(s)

Your address



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Address line 1

Address line 2 (optional)

Address line 3 (optional)

Town or city

Province, region or state (optional)

Postal code (optional)

Country

Is this address also your correspondence address?

We may use this address to contact you about your application, including after it has been decided.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Save and continue

Answer appropriately

About this property

Select which option applies to your home:

☐ I own it

☐ I rent it

☐ Other

Save and continue

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Answer appropriately

If you select '**Other**' you will be asked to explain your living situation such as who you live with and who owns the property)

Your passport

Can you provide a valid passport?

To be valid, your passport expiry date must be in the future.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Passport number

Issuing authority

On your passport this could also be referred to as 'country of issue' or 'place of issue'.

Issue date

For example, 31 3 2020

Day Month Year

Expiry date

For example, 31 3 2020

Day Month Year

Save and continue

Cancel

For this question you will need your passport, you must have a valid passport to make your student visa extension application

After this question, you will be asked if you have national identity card issued by your government. If yes, you will be asked to provide information about that national identity card such as the card number and issuing authority

Your nationality, country and date of birth

Country of nationality

If you have previous or additional nationalities, you will be able to add these later in the application.

Country of birth

Place of birth

Enter your place of birth (for example, the city or province), as shown on your passport or travel document.

Date of birth

For example, 31 3 2020

Day Month Year

Save and continue



Answer appropriately

Make sure the information you enter matches the information on your passport.

If you have any additional nationalities, you will be able to add these later in the application.

If you are a dual national, make sure the nationality you put here matches the nationality on your CAS.

If you hold another nationality, you will later be asked the country you hold that nationality in, the duration you have held it for, and if you still hold that nationality

Have you provided evidence of your English language ability in a previous application?

You must have been granted a visa or permission to stay after meeting the language requirement at level B1 or above. For example:

- scored level B1, B2, C1 or C2 on an [approved English language test](#) which assessed your reading, writing, speaking and listening skills
- have a degree which was taught in English
- have an English language or literature GCSE, an International GCSE, an A level, or a Scottish National 4 or 5, Higher, or Advanced Higher qualification
- if you were a student, your sponsor confirmed on your CAS that you met the required level

☐ Yes ☐ No

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Answer appropriately

Spoken language preference

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We may have to talk to you about your application. Which language would you prefer to use?

☐ English

☐ Other

Save and continue



Answer appropriately

People financially dependent on you

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Does anyone rely on you for financial support?
Include both those travelling with you and those who are not.

This could include:

- children under 18
- children over 18 who live with you at home
- children who you look after all the time
- older relatives who need you for accommodation or other support

☐ Yes ☐ No

[Will these dependants be included in my application?](#)

Save and continue

Answer appropriately

If you select yes, you will be asked to provide further details about your dependant such as their name, date of birth, if they currently live with you, and if they'll be travelling with you to the UK.

If they will be travelling with you to the UK, you will need to provide their nationality and passport number in a following question.

Please note you can't add dependants this application they will need to apply separately, visit this webpage for further information:

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

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You are only eligible to have dependants on your student visa if either of the below apply:

You are studying a PhD or other doctor (RQF Level 8) or a research based higher degree (e.g. MRes); if you are studying a taught master's degree this would not qualify as a PhD or research-based degree.

You are in receipt of a scholarship or sponsorship from a government, and your course is at least 6 months and full-time

Unfortunately, if the above does not apply to you, it will not be possible to have dependants on your student visa.

About your first parent

You must give details about both parents if you know them. If you only have some of your parents' details, you should fill in as much as you can.

[What if I do not have my parents' details?](#)

What is this person's relationship to you?

- ☐ Mother
- ☐ Father
- ☐ Stepmother
- ☐ Stepfather

Title

Given names

Family name

If they do not have both a given and family name, enter their name(s) in the Given names field.



Here you will be asked
to complete details
about your parents

Family who live in the UK

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Do you have any family in the UK?

This includes:

- immediate family - such as spouse, civil partner, parents, children, brothers or sisters
- grandparents or grandchildren
- your spouse or civil partner's family
- your child's spouse, civil partner or partner
- your partner, if you have lived with them for 2 out of the last 3 years

☒ Yes ☐ No

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Cancel



Answer appropriately

If you select Yes, you will be asked to provide their relation to you as well as their nationality and current immigration status

Travelling as part of an organised group

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Will you be travelling to the UK as part of an organised group?

This include travel companies or sports, work, or study groups.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Save and continue



Answer appropriately

If yes, you will be asked for the name of
the company/group

Travelling with another person

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Will you be travelling to the UK with someone who is not your partner, spouse, or dependant?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Save and continue

Cancel



Answer appropriately

If yes, you will be asked their name,
nationality, and their relationship to you

Where you will stay in the UK

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Do you know where you will be staying in the UK?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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Accommodation plans in the UK

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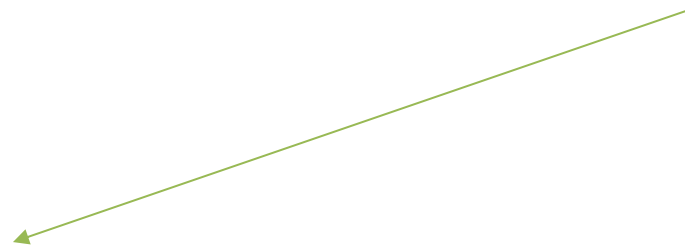
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Where do you plan to stay in the UK?

Give as much detail as possible of where you intend to stay, for example in a hotel, private housing, or with friends. Include the names of anyone else you will live with and their relationship to you.

Maximum of 500 characters

Save and continue



Answer appropriately

If you select Yes, you will be asked to provide the address.

If you select No, you will be asked the below question about your accommodation plans.

You will need to explain in as much detail where you are intending of staying

If you have applied for University accommodation, and you are still waiting for an outcome, you can just explain this.

For any other accommodation arrangements explain where you are intending to stay.

UK travel history

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Have you been to the UK in the past 10 years?

☐ Yes ☐ No

How many times have you been to the UK in the past 10 years?

If you are unsure of the exact number, provide an estimation. You will be asked to provide details for up to 3 of your most recent times in the UK.

Save and continue

Cancel



Answer appropriately

UK leave to remain

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Have you applied for leave to remain in the UK in the past 10 years?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Date of application

Enter date in the format MM YYYY

Month Year

What was the result of your application?

☐ Approved ☐ Refused

[What is leave to remain?](#)

Save and continue

Cancel



Answer appropriately

If you select Yes, you will be asked for the date and outcome of the application

Your National Insurance number

What is your current National Insurance number?

Example QQ 12 34 56 C

☐

I do not have a National Insurance number

Save and continue

Medical treatment in the UK

Have you ever been given medical treatment in the UK?

For example, if you visited a doctor, clinic or hospital, this counts as having medical treatment

☐

Yes

☐

No



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If you worked in the UK before you should have a National Insurance number (NI Number).

You should be able to find your NI number on your payslip.

If you don't have an NI number answer No

Answer appropriately

If Yes, you will be asked to provide further details about the medical treatment you received

Driving licence

Do you have a UK driving licence?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Save and continue

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Answer appropriately

If you have a UK driving license you will be asked to enter your UK driving license number

Public funds

Have you ever received any public funds (money) in the UK?

This includes benefits for people on low incomes, such as housing or child benefits.

☐ Yes ☐ No

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Answer appropriately

If Yes, you will be asked to provide further details such as what kind of public fund you received and when you received it

UK visa applications

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Have you been issued with a UK visa in the past 10 years?

☐

Yes

☐

No

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Answer appropriately

Travel to Australia, Canada, New Zealand, USA, Switzerland or the European Economic Area

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How many times have you visited the following places in the past 10 years?

- Australia
- Canada
- New Zealand
- USA
- Switzerland
- European Economic Area (do not include travel to the UK)

[Which countries are part of the European Economic Area \(EEA\)?](#)

☐

Zero

☐

Once

☐

2 to 5 times

☐

6 or more times

Save and continue



If you select Yes to this question, you will be asked for the details of your travel history

This will include your reasons for visiting that country (for example tourism, work, or study)

You will need to provide the dates you entered and left the country

Make sure the dates you enter are accurate, if you can't remember the exact dates, please provide an accurate estimate

World travel history

Have you been to any other countries in the past 10 years?

Do not include visits to the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland or the European Economic Area.

[Which countries are part of the European Economic Area \(EEA\)?](#)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Save and continue

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Please read each question carefully and answer appropriately

If you select Yes to either of these questions, you will be asked for the details of your travel history

This will include your reasons for visiting that country (for example tourism, work, or study)

You will need to provide the dates you entered and left the country

Make sure the dates you enter are accurate, if you can't remember the exact dates, please provide an accurate estimate

Travel to Australia, Canada, New Zealand, USA, Switzerland or the European Economic Area

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- Canada
- New Zealand
- USA
- Switzerland
- European Economic Area (do not include travel to the UK)

[Which countries are part of the European Economic Area \(EEA\)?](#)

- ☐ Zero
- ☐ Once
- ☐ 2 to 5 times
- ☐ 6 or more times

Save and continue

Your planned travel information

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Answer appropriately

Date you plan to arrive in the UK

If you do not know your exact date of arrival, enter an estimated date. Enter date in the format DD MM YYYY.

Day Month Year

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[Why is this information important?](#)

Save and continue

Immigration history

For either the UK or any other country, have you ever been:

- Refused a visa
- Refused entry at the border
- Refused permission to stay or remain
- Refused asylum
- Deported
- Removed
- Required to leave
- Excluded or banned from entry

☐ Yes ☐ No

Save and continue

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Answer appropriately

If yes, you will be asked to provide details of the immigration problem you had.

You must declare the full details

Not doing so is a serious offence which can lead to severe consequences

Breach of UK immigration law

Have you ever:

- entered the UK illegally
- remained in the UK beyond the validity of your visa or permission to stay
- breached the conditions of your leave, for example, worked without permission or received public funds when you did not have permission
- given false information when applying for a visa, leave to enter, or leave to remain
- breached UK immigration law in any other way

☐ Yes ☐ No

Save and continue

Cancel

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Answer appropriately

If yes, you will be asked to provide details of the breach and when it happened

You must declare the full details

Not doing so is a serious offence which can lead to severe consequences

Convictions and other penalties

At any time have you ever had any of the following, in the UK or in another country?

Only select one answer at a time. If you need to give more than one answer, you can do so on another page.

- ☐ A criminal conviction
- ☐ A penalty for a driving offence, for example disqualification for speeding or no motor insurance
- ☐ An arrest or charge for which you are currently on, or awaiting trial
- ☐ A caution, warning, reprimand or other out-of-court penalty
- ☐ A civil court judgment against you, for example for non payment of debt, bankruptcy proceedings or anti-social behaviour
- ☐ A civil penalty issued under UK immigration law
- ☐ No, I have never had any of these

You must tell us about spent as well as unspent convictions. You must tell us about any absolute or conditional discharges you have received for an offence.

War crimes

You must read all of the information on this page before answering.

[War crimes](#)

In either peace or war time have you ever been involved in, or suspected of involvement in, war crimes, crimes against humanity, or genocide?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ I have read all of the information about war crimes, including the guidance

Save and continue

Cancel

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Answer appropriately

Terrorist activities, organisations and views

You must read all of the information on this page before answering.

[Terrorist activities](#)

Have you ever been involved in, supported or encouraged terrorist activities in any country?

☐ Yes ☐ No

[Terrorist organisations](#)

Have you ever been a member of, or given support to, an organisation which has been concerned in terrorism?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you, by any means or medium, expressed views that justify or glorify terrorist violence or that may encourage others to commit terrorist or other serious criminal acts?

☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ I have read all of the information about terrorist activities, organisations and views, including the guidance

Extremist organisations and views

You must read all of the information on this page before answering.

[Extremist organisations](#)

Have you ever been a member of, or given support to, an organisation which is or has been concerned with extremism?

☐ Yes ☐ No

[Extremist views](#)

Have you, by any means or medium, expressed any extremist views?

☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ I have read all of the information about extremist organisations and views, including the guidance

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Answer appropriately

Person of good character

Have you, as a part of your employment or otherwise, undertaken paid or unpaid activity on behalf of a non-UK government which you know to be dangerous to the interests or national security of the UK or its allies?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you ever engaged in any other activities which might indicate that you may not be considered to be a person of good character?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Is there any other information about your character or behaviour which you would like to make us aware of?

☐ Yes ☐ No



Answer appropriately

Save and continue

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Sponsor licence number and address

Important

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This information is on your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) statement, or contact your sponsor to get their licence number.

What is your sponsor licence number?

Sponsor's address

Town/City

Postcode

Save and continue

Cancel

Sponsor license number:
B5V1G9VP0

Please enter your answer
as shown above

Place of Study

What type of sponsor will you be studying with?

The [Register of Student sponsors](#) sets out what type of sponsor each institution on the register is. A Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance will have the status 'General Student Sponsor – Track Record'.

- ☐ Independent School
- ☐ Higher Education Provider
- ☒ Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance
- ☐ Overseas Higher Education Provider
- ☐ Publicly Funded College
- ☐ Private Provider

[What is the difference between a school and a higher education institution?](#)

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For this question select '**Higher Education
Provider with a track record of
compliance**'

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Primary site of study

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Is this the site where the majority of your study will take place?

University of Surrey
Stag Hill
Guildford
GU2 7XH

☐ Yes ☐ No

Save and continue

If most of your study takes place on Stag Hill
campus you should select Yes

If most of your teaching takes place at
Manor Park select No for this question and
enter:

**University of Surrey
Manor Park Student Village
Guildford
GU2 7YW**

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UCAS details

Did you apply for your course through UCAS?

☐ Yes ☐ No



[What is UCAS?](#)

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UCAS refers to the **Universities and Colleges Admissions Service.**

If you applied to the University of Surrey directly you should answer
No for this question

Future official financial sponsor

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Will you be receiving money from an official financial sponsor for your continuing studies?

☐ Yes ☐ No

[What is an official financial sponsor?](#)

If you are being wholly sponsored by an official financial sponsor how will you prove this?

- ☐ My Student sponsor has confirmed this information on my CAS
- ☐ Letter of official financial sponsorship
- ☐ I am not being wholly sponsored

Save and continue

Cancel

Answer appropriately

An Official financial sponsor could be the British Government, the government in your home country, or an international scholarship agency.

If your official financial sponsor is the University of Surrey, you do not need a letter if the details of your financial sponsorship are on your CAS.

If you will only be relying on personal or your parent(s)/legal guardian funds you should select 'No'.

Accommodation payments



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Have you or your parent(s)/legal guardian(s) already paid any money to your sponsor for accommodation?

This does not include money paid to a private landlord or housing organisation. Read the [Student Visa guidance](#) to understand how much of this will count towards your maintenance requirement.

☒ Yes ☐ No

How much has been paid?

£

How can you prove this amount has been paid?

☒ My sponsor has confirmed this information on my CAS
☐ Receipts



You should only answer Yes if you have made accommodation payments to the University.
If you will be living in private accommodation (not owned by the University) select 'No'

Course fees

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What are your course fees for your first year?

If your course is shorter than 12 months, state the total course fee. This information is on your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) statement. Alternatively, you can contact your sponsor for this information.

£

Have you or your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) already paid any of your course fees?

Please select No if your course does not have a fee.

☐ Yes ☐ No

[Save and continue](#)



This information is on your CAS including any payments you or your parent(s)/legal guardians have made towards your tuition fees.

If you select Yes, you will be asked how much is paid and how you can confirm this (confirmed on CAS or receipts)

If the tuition fees you have already paid are not reflected on your CAS, please contact us.

Student Union Sabbatical Officer

Have you been elected as a Student Union Sabbatical Officer?

☐ Yes

☐ No

[What is a Student Union Sabbatical Officer?](#)



Answer appropriately

Save and continue

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Course information

Name of sponsor institution

The school, college or university where you will study.

Course name

Course qualification

[Read the guidance on what qualification levels mean \(opens in new tab\)](#) or ask your sponsor institution if you are not sure.

Select your qualification level

Save and continue

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All these details can be found on your CAS, please enter your course name as it appears on your CAS

Qualification Levels

RQF Level 6 = Bachelors/Undergraduate (BSc, BA)

RQF Level 7 = Masters/ Postgraduate (MSc, MA)

RQF Level 8 = Doctorate (PhD)

Continuing a course of study

Are you applying to continue on the same course of study?

Select yes if you have been granted permission for this course before.
For example, you may need to resit exams.

☐ Yes ☐ No

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If you received a CAS for your current course due to retaking a module or adding a placement year select Yes

If you received a CAS to begin a new course at the University select No

Maintenance funds



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You must show that you have enough money to cover your course fees and living costs. [Read the guidance document](#) to find out how much money you need to show and what documents you can use as evidence.

Are all of the maintenance funds required for this application in a bank account with your name on it?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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Answer appropriately

If you answer No you will be asked these questions on the right

If you will be relying on money from your parent(s)/legal guardian you must provide a birth certificate, parental consent letter, and their bank statement

Are all of the maintenance funds required for this application in a bank account with your name on it?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you relying on money held in an account under your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) name?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have permission from your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) to use this money?

☐ Yes ☐ No

How can you prove they are your parent(s) or legal guardian(s)?

- ☐ Birth certificate
- ☐ Adoption certificate
- ☐ Court document

Save and continue

Answer appropriately

If you will be relying on money from your parent(s)/legal guardian you must provide a birth certificate, parental consent letter, and their bank statement

Student Loan

You must show that you have enough money to cover your course fees, and living costs for you and any dependants [Read the guidance](#) to find out how much money you need to show and what documents you can use as evidence.

Are any of the funds required for this application in the form of a student loan?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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If you will be relying on a student loan to meet the financial requirements, you will need a loan letter provided by your government, government sponsored student loan company, or educational loans scheme

Additional information about your application

Important

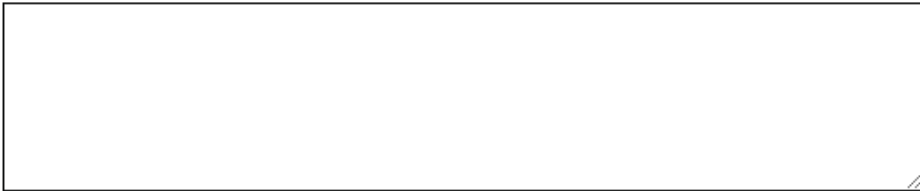
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If you needed to add more information about your application but were not able to, you can write it here.

If there is no further information you want to add, click the 'Save and continue' button.

Add further details:



Maximum of 1,000 characters

Save and continue



You can use this space to add any further details you want to provide about your application

If you do not have anything further to provide simply press save and continue

Documents

You do not need to provide evidence of your qualifications or finances as you are a national of a country listed in the differential evidence requirement of the Student rules. Occasionally, UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) may request this evidence while your application is being considered. If the evidence is requested, your visa application may be refused if you do not provide it.

Mandatory documents

These documents are mandatory and you must provide them as part of your application. Tick the box to agree that you will provide each document:

☐ The passport issued by Germany for Mr Application Guide

Providing your documents

You must provide your documents after you submit your application, these can be originals or copies. **Any passports provided must be originals.**

You will be able to upload copies of your documents on our commercial partner's website, or you can take your documents to your biometrics appointment to be scanned and uploaded by our commercial partner for a fee. You'll be told how to book an appointment and upload your documents after you submit your application.

You do not need to send any physical documents to the Home Office or UK Visas & Immigration unless you are advised to do so.

Your application may be rejected if you do not provide all mandatory documents. If your application is rejected due to documents not being provided, it will not be considered and an administration fee for each person included in the application will be deducted from your refund.

Please read this information carefully.
Once you reach the documents section you will be given a list of mandatory documents you will need to provide based on the answers you have during your application. The list on the right shows the documents you may require and who needs them



Document	Who needs it?
Current Passport	All students
Financial Evidence (Bank statements, Parental Consent Letter*, Birth Certificate*, Parent's Bank Statement*)	Students who have not been inside of the UK for at least 12 months with a valid visa at the point of their student visa extension application *You will require these documents if you are required to provide financial evidence and are using your parent(s)/legal guardian's evidence
Letter confirming official financial sponsor	Student's receiving financial sponsorship from the UK Government, their national government, or an international scholarship company. If your official financial sponsor is the University of Surrey, you do not need a letter if the details of your financial sponsorship are on your CAS. Money received from parents/family to support you during your studies does not count as official financial sponsorship
BRP*	*Students who have a BRP that expired no more than 18 months ago
Tuberculosis (TB) Test Certificate	Students who: Coming to study in the UK for 6 months or more Lived in any of these listed countries for 6 months or more If you were living there (or another listed country above) within the last 6 months
Original Transcripts/certificates*	If you are <u>NOT</u> studying at degree level *If you will be studying at degree level at the University of Surrey, you don't need to provide documents showing your previous qualifications with your visa application

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Conditions

If your application is successful, there will be conditions on your visa or leave to remain. This will include, for example, whether you are able to work in the UK.

If you stay in the UK without permission:

- You can be detained
- You can be prosecuted, fined and imprisoned
- You can be removed and banned from returning to the UK
- You will not be allowed to work
- You will not be able to rent a home in England
- You will not be able to claim any benefits and can be prosecuted if you try to
- You can be charged by the NHS for medical treatment
- You can be denied access to a bank account
- DVLA can prevent you from driving by taking away your driving licence



Please read the information on the page very carefully and confirm

☐

I confirm that I understand and accept these conditions

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Declaration

By sending this application, you confirm that to the best of your knowledge and belief the following is correct:

- the information relating to the application
- the supporting evidence

I understand that the data I have given can be used as set out in the [privacy policy](#).

I understand that organisations, including financial institutions, may provide information to the Home Office when requested in relation to this application.

If I am acting on behalf of the applicant, I have discussed with them and confirmed that the contents of the application are correct and complete and they are aware of the terms that apply, including the [privacy policy](#). If the applicant is unable to act on their own behalf, I confirm I am authorised to act for them in relation to this application.

I agree to the [terms and conditions](#), which includes information on refunds. I also understand the application fee will not be refunded if the application is refused.

I understand that if false information is given, the application can be refused and I may be prosecuted, and, if I am the applicant, I may be banned from the UK.

I confirm that:

- ☐ I am the applicant aged 18 or over
- ☐ I am the applicant aged under 18
- ☐ I am the parent or legal guardian of the applicant who is aged under 18 and completing and submitting the form on their behalf
- ☐ I am submitting the form on behalf of the applicant

I accept the above

Please read the information on the page very carefully and confirm your answer appropriately.

Once you have completed this section you will be asked to make your payments (IHS and student visa application fee)

IMPORTANT

YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CHANGE YOUR ANSWERS ONCE YOU PROCEED PAST THE DECLARATION, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE HAPPY WITH YOUR ANSWERS BEING PROCEEDING

After you have submitted your application

You should get email from the Home Office confirming that you have successfully submitted your student visa extension application.

If you could not use the UK Immigration: ID Check app, you will need to provide your biometrics at a Visa Application Centre (VAC) and you will be given a checklist of documents you must bring to your appointment.

Please note that you may be invited to a credibility interview as part of your student visa application before a decision can be made.

Please visit our webpage here for information about what you can expect during a credibility interview and how to prepare:

<https://my.surrey.ac.uk/visas/credibility-interviews>

Once you have received a decision you will receive instructions on how to set up your UKVI account, if you don't have one already, to access your eVisa. You must make sure you link your eVisa with your passport before you begin your travel to the UK. Further information about eVisa can be found here:

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

Once you have received a decision you will need to provide the University with a share code so your student record can be updated.

You can generate a share code by logging into your UKVI account, when generating your share code please make sure you choose the 'Something else' when you are asked what the code will be used for.

You will need to provide this share code to Immigration Compliance which you can do by 'asking a question' via Surrey Support: <https://support.surrey.ac.uk/>. Select 'MySurrey Hive' as the team you want to contact and 'International Advice and Visas' as your enquiry topic; please ensure that you title your case 'Share code for Immigration Compliance'.

IF YOUR APPLICATION IS REFUSED, PLEASE LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE



We hope you found this guide useful, if you have any questions about your application please contact us.

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