



Frequently Asked Questions (Short-term students)

Q1. What is the “Short-term study” category?

“Short-term study” is a category of the UK Immigration Rules that allows students who are 18 years old or over to enter the UK for up to 6 months, to study a short course (or a compulsory component of a longer course). There is also presently a concession in place that allows students to come to the UK for up to 11 months to study an English language course.

Q2. Can I apply for a Short-term study visa on arrival at the port of entry, or do I have to apply in advance of travelling?

If you are a national of a country that does not appear on the list in appendix 2 of the [Immigration Rules: Appendix V visitor rules](#), you are known as a "non-visa national" and are permitted to apply for a Short-term study visa on arrival at the port of entry. However, since all the usual documents (bank statements etc.) are required to make such an application, you may wish to consider applying in advance all the same. If you are a national of a country on the list in appendix 2 of the [Immigration Rules: Appendix V visitor rules](#), you are known as a "visa national" and have no choice but to apply for a visa in advance of travelling.

Q3. How do I apply for a Short-term study visa?

Please see our [step by step guide on our download page](#) to applying for a Short-term study visa.

Q4. What documents should I submit with my Short-term study visa application?

Documentary requirements are always subject to change, so you should be sure to check the latest information on the relevant UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) [webpage](#) before submitting your application. As a guide, however, you can expect to have to submit the following documents:

- Current and previous passports
- 1 x recent passport-sized colour photograph
- Application fee (see question 7)
- “Short-term study visa letter” from us (see question 5)
- Evidence of your marital status
- Evidence of your employment status or studies
- Evidence of your finances (e.g. bank statements going back at least 6 months)
- Evidence of accommodation and return travel bookings
- Evidence of previous study and qualifications
- Evidence of English language ability and qualifications
- Translations of any documents not in English
- Tuberculosis certificate (certain applicants only – see question 10)



Q5. How do I obtain my Short-term study visa Letter?

You need to complete our [online application form](#) in order to receive a Short-term study visa letter. Please note that you need to submit your original Short-term study visa letter with your visa application, so you need to ensure you submit your request for this document well in advance.

Please be advised that, unless otherwise agreed, the Immigration Compliance Team will email this document out to the provided email address you have supplied on your application form.

Q6. Do my supporting documents have to be in English?

Yes. Where an original document (e.g. bank statement, birth certificate) is not in English, it must be accompanied by a fully certified translation by a professional translator/translation company. This translation must include details of the translator/translation company's credentials, confirmation that it is an accurate translation of the original document, and the translator/translation company's contact details. It must also be dated and include the original signature of the translator or an authorised official of the translation company.

Q7. How much does a Short-term study visa application cost?

Please see [here](#) for up-to-date fees for a Short-term study visa application.

Q8. When should I apply for my Short-term study visa?

We recommend that you apply for your visa as soon as possible after being issued with your Short-term study visa letter, though please note that you are not permitted to apply any earlier than three months before the start-date of the course.

Q9. How much money do I need to show?

The UKVI guidance does not state how much money you are required to show. However, you must show that you have enough money to support yourself without recourse to public funds and without working. It is advisable to provide evidence that you have enough money to cover your course fees plus and living expenses (to include accommodation). Using the Tier 4 maintenance figures as a guide, it would be reasonable to show that you have the equivalent of £1265 per month for the duration of your course. Please note: if you will be staying with friends or family while in the UK, you are entitled to include evidence of this, which may decrease the living costs you would ordinarily be expected to show.



Q10. Do I need a certificate confirming I am free from Tuberculosis?

Provided you are coming to the UK for less than 6 months, you do not need to obtain a certificate confirming you are free from Tuberculosis.

If you are applying to study an English language course that lasts 6 – 11 months AND you are a national of one of the countries listed [here](#), you need to obtain a certificate that states you are free from infectious Tuberculosis before applying for your visa. The test includes having a chest X-ray at an accredited clinic or hospital run by the International Organisation for Migration.

Q11. Will I be interviewed as part of the visa application process?

The UKVI reserves the right to call any applicant for a face-to-face interview, as they see fit. Some examples of the sort of questions you might be asked at an interview are as follows: (you will need to prepare for these questions if invited to a face-to-face interview)

- How long is your course?
- What topics will you be studying during the course?
- Why did you choose this course?
- Why did you choose us ?
- How will this course benefit you?
- How do you intend to travel to the UK?
- Where will you be living in the UK?
- Have you ever studied in the UK before?
- How are you funding your studies and living expenses?
- What do you intend to do after your course has finished?
- Do you intend to work during your studies?

Q12. How much time will I be granted on my Short-term study visa?

If your period of study is 6 months or under, you should be granted permission to enter the UK for 6 months. If you have applied to study an English language course that lasts more than 6 months but less than 11 months, you should be granted permission to enter the UK for 11 months.

Please note, however, that the period of leave is granted entirely at the discretion of Entry Clearance Officers. If Entry Clearance Officers are in any doubt about your application, they are entitled to grant a shorter period of time that covers the precise course dates only.

Q13. What conditions will be attached to my Short-term study visa?

As a Short-term student you will be subject to the following conditions:

- You will not be allowed to work while you are in the UK, this includes paid or unpaid work
- You will not be allowed to undertake a work placement as part of your study
- You must leave the UK before your visa expires
- You will not be allowed to extend your stay in the UK
- You will not be allowed to switch into any other immigration category while you are in the UK
- You will not be allowed to bring your family to the UK as your dependents (they must apply separately as Standard Visitors – see question 14)



Q14. Can I bring my dependents with me?

Any dependents are required to apply to enter the UK in their own right as [Standard Visitors](#). As Standard Visitors, your family members will be granted a maximum of 6 months in the UK, even if you have been immigration permission for longer than this. Standard visitors are prohibited from working and studying while in the UK.

Q15. What should I do if my visa application is refused?

If you think the refusal was incorrect and the decision notice states that you have the right of appeal, you should submit an appeal.

If you think the refusal was incorrect, but the decision notice states you do not have the right of appeal, you should attempt to contact the Entry Clearance Post and ask for a review of the decision.

If the refusal was correct, you should to discuss the possibility of a fresh application.

Q16. Will I be able to work while I am in the UK?

No. As a Short-term student, you are not permitted to do any kind of work or work placement during your studies.

Q17. Where can I find further information about the Short-term study visa application process?

The UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA) has compiled detailed information about applying as a Short-term student, available [here](#). If you can't find what you need here or within this guidance sheet, please email james@1impact-group.co.uk