UK documents: Student visa

14 documents, rules in force October 2026. Apply online on GOV.UK and give biometrics at VFS Global in India. Items marked in orange apply only in that situation.

Identity and application

- [ ] **Valid passport with a blank page**
  Plus any previous passports if your travel history is asked for.
- [ ] **Online application on GOV.UK**
  Apply and pay online, then book biometrics (photo and fingerprints) at a VFS Global visa application centre in India.
- [ ] **Visa fee and Immigration Health Surcharge paid**
  Paid online during the application (the Health and Care visa has no surcharge).

Job, course or status

- [ ] **Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number**
  From your university; apply within 6 months of getting it and up to 6 months before the course starts.

English and qualifications

- [ ] **English evidence as stated on your CAS**
  Some universities assess it themselves; others require a SELT.
- [ ] **Academic documents listed on your CAS**
  Degree certificates and transcripts the university used to make the offer.
- [ ] **ATAS certificate** ONLY IF ATAS APPLIES
  Only for certain sensitive subjects or research roles; check whether your course or job code requires it.

Money and health

- [ ] **TB test certificate**
  From a Home Office-approved clinic in India, for stays over 6 months. Valid for 6 months.
- [ ] **Tuition plus living costs for up to 9 months, held 28 days**
  £1,529 a month in London, £1,171 elsewhere (£1,570 / £1,203 from 30 November 2026), plus unpaid first-year tuition.

Family

- [ ] **Consent of the other parent** IF CHILDREN COME
  If only one parent is in or coming to the UK, or a letter showing sole responsibility.
- [ ] **Parental or guardian consent and care arrangements** APPLICANTS UNDER 18
  Students under 18 need written consent from both parents.
- [ ] **No dependants on this route** IF YOUR PARTNER COMES
  Care workers (since March 2024), RQF 3–5 shortage-list jobs (since July 2025), most students and Graduate visa holders cannot bring new dependants.

Before you submit

- [ ] **Certified translations of documents not in English or Welsh**
  Each translation must confirm it is accurate and show the translator's details and date.
- [ ] **Upload scans or bring documents as the application asks**
  Most applications ask you to upload documents online before or after the biometrics appointment.

> Documents not in English or Welsh need a certified translation. Your permission will be an eVisa in your UKVI account. Check the current GOV.UK guidance before you apply.

Interactive version: desieuropeantales.com/uk-document-checklist?type=student · Orientation only, not legal advice. Check the official checklist of your German mission or foreigners' office before your appointment.