

Applying for a Student visa

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Applying from outside the UK

If you apply for a student visa from your home country, you will usually get a decision within 3 weeks.

Cost of applying outside the UK: £338 per person

Apply for a student visa from outside the UK
application: <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/apply>

Applying from inside the UK

You must apply for your visa extension before your current visa expires.

Application type	Time for a decision	Cost per person
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Standard	8 weeks	£494.20
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Priority and Super Priority services are only available in some locations. If available you'll be able to purchase these services when booking your appointment.

Student visa extension application:

<https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/extend-your-visa>

Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS)

This will be calculated for you on the application. You pay through the online visa application. Calculated as £470 for every year of leave you are granted, plus an extra £235 for the 4 additional months you get at the end of your course on your visa.

<https://www.gov.uk/healthcare-immigration-application>

Course	Fee
Undergraduate and PhD 4 year courses	£2115
Undergraduate 3 year course	£1645
Postgraduate 2 year course	£1175
Postgraduate 1 year course	£705

Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS)

- New BU students – you will receive your CAS from the International Admissions Team once you have completed all the required checks, have accepted and paid your deposit for your course (if applicable) iat@Bournemouth.ac.uk
- Current students – you will need to complete a CAS request form, your CAS will come from the Immigration and Compliance Team in AskBU. You will only receive your CAS number once we have checked your documents by email or a 1-2-1 web meeting if available: immigration@Bournemouth.ac.uk
- BU International College Students - If you have been studying at the college and will start your degree at BU, you will receive your CAS from the Immigration Team after we have checked your documents ready to apply for your BU visa.

Documents needed for your visa application...

Passport



Visa

Entry Clearance Sticker in
Passport



Biometric Residence Permit
(BRP card)



Evidence of finance

If you are applying for a visa extension in the UK and you have had a valid visa for 12 months or more – you will not need to show your financial documents in your visa application.

Evidence of finance

If you are applying for your visa from your home country, or you are in the UK and have had a valid visa for less than 12 months:

You must show **£1023 per month** for a maximum of 9 months that you have left of your BU course. Students need to show this maintenance, plus any outstanding course fees.

Maximum of living costs to show is **£9207** and **BU course fees you still owe.**



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Financial documents

If you are using a bank account to show the funds the money must have remained in bank for a consecutive period of **28 days**. The most recent date at the end of the 28-day period must be within **31 days** of applying for the visa.

You can use:

UK or Overseas accounts – you need to check the currency conversion rate for GBP on www.oanda.com

Your own account or your parents account.

Bank statements

Bank letters

Student loan letter

Official Financial sponsor letter

Parents'/legal guardian account

If you are using your parents/legal guardian account to show the funds you will need:

- Parents' bank statement/letter
- Consent letter from parent
- Your birth certificate confirming relationship between yourself and account holder.

You can only use your parents/legal guardian's account or your own account to show the funds. You cannot use any other relative accounts.

Certificates mentioned in your CAS

- Your name
- The title of the award
- The date of the award
- The name of the awarding institution



If you are continuing on the same course and your CAS does not mention any certificates or transcripts, you do not need to include any.



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Other documents you might
need...

Name change

Have you ever changed your name?

If you have, you will need to include details on the online form.

You will only need to submit official evidence of the name change with your application if any of your documents are in your previous name.

Police registration certificate

Only certain countries have to register with the Police.

If you have one, you need to send it with your application. If you need register with the Police your visa will say 'Register with Police within 7 days'





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English Translations

If any of your documents are not written in English you must include in your application your original document **and** an Official English translation.

The translation must include:

- Details of the translation company
- Confirmation that it is an accurate translation of the original document
- Must be dated
- The original signature of the translator or an authorised official of the translation company.

Tuberculosis Certificate

Who needs to include a TB certificate:

If you are a new student and you are applying for your visa from your home country to come to UK for more than 6 months and are a resident from any countries listed [here](#).

Who does not need to include a certificate:

- If you are extending your visa inside the UK, you will not need a Tuberculosis certificate.
- You are returning to the UK to continue your course and you have not been away from the UK for more than 2 years.
- You have lived for at least 6 months in a country where TB screening is not required.

<https://www.gov.uk/tb-test-visa>

Example documents

BU has [example documents](#) on the right hand side on our website:

- Bank statement
- Certificate of deposit letter
- Official sponsor letter
- Parent consent letter



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Useful information

- Bournemouth University
 - <https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/help-advice/international-students/immigration-visas/student-route-visa>
- UKVI
 - <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa>
 - [Student visa policy guidance](#)
- UKCISA (UK Council for International Student Affairs)
 - <https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/>

BU Immigration and Compliance team:

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