

Applying for a Student visa



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: £363 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. If you apply for a student visa from your within the UK, you will usually get a decision within 8 weeks.

Cost of applying outside the UK: £490 per person

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, to get a decision quicker on your visa application.

Student visa extension application:

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



Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS)

This will be calculated and paid for in the 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



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 and Visa

Passport



Visa (if you have one)

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.

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



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

You do not need to include certificates in your visa application as BU are a Higher Education Provider. However the UKVI could request to see them if it is written in your CAS, you must send them if you are requested.

Certificates mentioned in your CAS

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



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 include it with your application. If you need to register with the Police your visa 'Register with Police within 7 days'





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 <u>example documents</u> on the right hand side on our website:

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



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- Apply for your visa, include documents needed.
- Enrol your biometrics.
- Wait to receive your visa.
- Email <u>immigration@bournemouth.ac.uk</u> attaching your visa (both the front and back if you have a BRP card).



Useful information

- Bournemouth University
 - https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/help-advice/internationalstudents/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 Advice and Compliance team:

immigration@bournemouth.ac.uk