

# Immigration Guide for EU Students



## What has changed?

On the 31st January 2020 the UK officially left the EU and entered into a transition period. The transition period ends on the 31st December 2020. After this date freedom of movement (the right to live, work, study and travel within the EU) will end and EU nationals must meet UK immigration requirements in order to live, work, study and travel to the UK.

## What do I need to do?

To study in the UK after the 31st December 2020, you must apply for immigration status under one of the two options below, depending which is the most suitable. If you are unsure please email [visahelp@catscollege.com](mailto:visahelp@catscollege.com) for advice.

## Option 1 – Student or Child Student Route:

### For courses of over 6 months

If you are studying a course over 6 months long, then you will need to apply for a Student or Child Student Visa. Under this type of immigration status the College must sponsor you and will issue you with an electronic document called a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS).

When you receive your CAS you will also receive more detailed guidance on the application process. If you have queries you can contact us at [visahelp@catscollege.com](mailto:visahelp@catscollege.com).

The college will not assign the CAS until you have met the requirements. For example applicants for a Student Visa will need a Secure English Language Test (SELT).

## What documents do I need?

The main requirement is the CAS and any documents listed on the CAS. You will also need a birth certificate (if you are under 18) and proof of finances. Please note that in most cases EU students will not need to send their documents, but we recommend that you have them available in case they are requested. Financial requirements are below, and there is more detailed information available on our website at [www.catseducation.com/admissions/visa-guide.htm](http://www.catseducation.com/admissions/visa-guide.htm).

<b>Boarding</b>	Full boarding fees paid, or available in student or parents' bank account
<b>Independent Accommodation</b>	Course fees (paid or in bank account) <u>plus</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• £1,344 per month (for up to 9 months) for courses in London</li><li>• £1,023 per month (for up to 9 months) for courses outside London</li></ul>

## When do I apply?

Your application can be made up to 6 months before start date. As long as your start date is less than 6 months away, you can make the application as soon as you receive the CAS and have all the required documents ready.

## How do I apply?

Most EU students will be able to complete their application, including identity verification, using a smartphone app.

Students will need a biometric passport to use the app– with this symbol



The app can be used on

- an iPhone 7 or newer models
- an Android phone with near-field communication (NFC) Check the phones settings to see if it has NFC – if it can be used for contactless payments it does

Applicants can use other people's phones to verify identity. The rest of the application can be done on a computer. Alternatively, applications can be done through a Visa Application Centre (VAC) if necessary.

## How much will it cost?

The application fee is currently £348. Additionally, you will need to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS), which is £470 per year. IHS payment means you are covered to use the UK National Health Service throughout your studies.

## What will I be granted?

If you use the UK Immigration ID check app and are successful in your application, you will receive written notification by email of that decision. This will include details of how to sign in to the **View and Prove** service on GOV.UK, where you can check your immigration status and its conditions at any time.

## Option 2 – Standard Visitor Visa:

### For courses of less than 6 months

#### What are the main requirements?

EU/EEA and Swiss nationals will be able to enter the UK without applying for a visa before travel. You should instead be able to enter the UK using the eGates and your EU/EEA/Swiss passport. Your passport must have a biometric symbol on the cover, otherwise you must talk to a border officer to be granted entry. Your passport must be valid for 6 months after the date you enter the UK. You will be admitted to the UK as a Standard Visitor for a period of 6 months. You will be unable to extend this visa in UK and must leave the UK at the end of the 6 months.

#### What documents do I need?

You should carry your Certificate of Enrolment (CoE) and any proof of a return flight and/or proof of how you will pay for your living expenses. Under 18's should carry a parental consent letter. As EU students are likely to use eGates you will probably not have to show any documents.

#### When do I apply?

You do not need to apply in advance. You can simply organise your flight and advise us of your travel details. You will be able to enter the UK for 6 months at the airport.

#### How much will it cost?

There is no cost for this type of visa.

#### What will I be granted?

You will not receive any physical visa/stamp or immigration permission. Instead it is important that you keep your boarding pass or flight booking as proof of travel. You will be asked for this on arrival at the College.

*Students are bound by the regulations of the Home Office, and we recommend that you verify the information and the requirements applicable to you on the Home Office website or seek independent legal/immigration advice if necessary.*