Short-term Study Visa (6 months)

You can apply for a short-term study visa if you are:

- over 16
- doing distance learning courses
- returning to UK to re-sit exams, re-take modules or undertake a viva
- doing a short course of study (up to maximum 6 months) in the UK that does not include a work placement or work experience except the below
- applying to complete electives only if you are studying towards a medical, dentistry or veterinary degree (the course must be equivalent to at least bachelors level in the UK). The electives must be unpaid and involve no treatment of patients
- to do research, or to research tuition on how to conduct research (your course must be at least equivalent to UK bachelor’s degree)

Applications will only be considered outside the UK and will be given for a maximum of 6 months. **Entry clearance as a short-term student can be applied for from within any country (you have permission to enter), outside of the UK, it does not have to be the country where you normally live.**

If you are 18 and your course leads to a qualification at Master’s or Doctorate level, or a postgraduate qualification abroad, you should obtain ATAS clearance before you apply for a Short-Term Study visa. For further guidance and information on ATAS certificate, please see factsheet 8 at [https://www.dundee.ac.uk/international/support/factsheets/](https://www.dundee.ac.uk/international/support/factsheets/)

If you are a visa national

Visa nationals are nationalities who must apply for a visa before travelling to the UK, even it is for 6 months or less. You must apply for entry clearance before you leave home. A list of visa national countries can be found at [http://uod.ac.uk/int1890](http://uod.ac.uk/int1890)

You should carry all the documents that you submitted with your entry clearance application in your hand luggage when you travel to the UK, as the Immigration Officer may ask to see these documents when you arrive in the UK.

If you are a non-visa national

It is not compulsory for non-visa national to apply for entry clearance before travelling, you can apply to enter the UK as a short-term student on arrival at the port of entry. **However we strongly advise that you apply for entry clearance before you leave home.** It is possible to get this visa from Immigration Officers at the airport/port of entry but there are often problems if you request this visa on arrival. Experience shows that students who enter the UK without obtaining previous entry clearance are often given a General Visitor stamp in error, rather than a Short-term Student stamp. **If you are given a General Visitor stamp in error, you will not be able to study for more than 30 days and here is no option to correct this error in the UK.**

When you travel to the UK, you should carry all the documents that you submitted with your entry clearance application in your hand luggage. The Immigration Officer may ask to see these documents when you arrive in the UK.

Restrictions

As a short-term student, you must leave the UK within 30 days of the end of your course or at the end of the 6 month, whichever is the earliest. **Short-term students are not allowed to apply to switch into any other immigration category while still in the UK.** If you wish to continue studying in the UK after your immigration permission has come to an end, you will need to return home and apply for entry clearance as Tier 4 student if you are eligible.

You cannot do any kind of work, work placement (except medical, dentistry and veterinary electives) or work experience during your studies in the UK, even if this is part of your studies.

You cannot bring dependants (Any family members who wish to accompany a short-term student will need to apply separately as visitor visa).

For further information regarding short-term student visa, please see UKCISA website at: [http://uod.ac.uk/int1891](http://uod.ac.uk/int1891)

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Medical Insurance

Short-term students (6 months) are not entitled to National Health Service (NHS) so will need private medical insurance, even if you have previously paid the Immigration Health Surcharge when you have had a different category of visa. This means you will need to make sure you have adequate medical insurance to cover your stay in the UK.

We cannot recommend any insurance company but you can search online to find out which is best for your needs.

How to apply

You can apply for your Short-term study visa at http://uod.ac.uk/int1892. The current application fee of £97 in local currency.

UKVI will require proof of the course you are studying. The University can provide you with a letter for the purpose of Short-term Study visa on an official headed paper, stating the course’s name, duration and cost. For further advice and to request a Short-term Study visa letter, please email internationalsupport@dundee.ac.uk

Please note that you will be required to submit your original Short-term study visa letter with your visa application. It is imperative, therefore, that you provide us plenty of notice to allow time for the letter to be collected/delivered prior to submission of your visa application.

Documents you must provide are:

- a current passport
- one passport sized photograph http://uod.ac.uk/int1893
- evidence that you can support yourself while you are in the UK for example bank statements or payslips for the last 6 months. We recommend you to show funds of £1015 per month of proposed study.
- details of where you intend to live and your travel plans
- tuberculosis (TB) test results if you are from a country where you have to take the test http://uod.ac.uk/int1899

You may need to provide additional documents depending on your circumstances, for example:

- evidence of your previous study which could include academic certificates, references or transcripts, English language qualifications, including certificates or awards
- accommodation and travel plans
- permission to be in the country you’re applying from (if you’re not a national)
- financial sponsor’s occupation, income, savings or funds that will support your studies

All documents must be certified translated, original documents. Please see UKVI website at http://uod.ac.uk/int1894

For further information regarding Short-term study visa, please refer to UKVI guidance at: http://uod.ac.uk/int1895

What happens next

When you receive your visa, it is essential that you check it carefully to ensure that:

- your name and date of birth are correct
- it states you are a Short-term student
- it starts on or before the date you want to travel to the UK
- it does not end sooner than expected

If any of the above details are incorrect, please contact the Visa Application Centre that handled your application and request an amendment prior to travelling to the UK.

Please also notify International Advice Service when you successfully obtained your Short-term Study Visa by emailing internationalsupport@dundee.ac.uk stating your intended return date to the UK.

After you arrived in the UK

Please bring your new visa to the Enquiry Centre and ask for a member of staff to scan your visa and email it to internationalsupport@dundee.ac.uk The University will require a copy of your new visa for compliance purposes.

For all immigration advice, contact the International Advice Service quoting your student ID number. Email internationalsupport@dundee.ac.uk or phone 01382 381381.

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Important Update from 20th May 2019

Travelling to the UK (eGates and withdrawal of landing cards)

The UK Government has recently expanded the use of eGates to eligible nationals from Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea and the United States of America.

However, If you are a national of one of these countries coming in to the UK for short term study (less than 6 months) you must see an Officer on arrival rather than use the eGates to get your passport stamped on arrival.

If you don’t get your passport stamped you will not be able to enrol on your course and will only be allowed to remain in the UK for 30 days.

All other non-EEA nationals will be required to pass through immigration checks and have their passport stamped. There will no longer be a requirement to complete a landing card on arrival at the Airport.

Further details and updates are available on the Government website: