

Visa Application & Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS)

Non-British students, who are planning to study in the UK for more than 6 months, will need to apply for a Student or Child Student visa. The Admissions Team will help you prepare the correct documentation and will issue a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) to confirm that you are studying at Bath Academy, which you will need for your visa application.

You can apply for a Student or Child Student visa if you:

- Have been offered a place on a course at Bath Academy which is longer than 6 months in duration
- Have the correct level of English Language
- Have enough money to support yourself and pay for the course
- Have received a CAS from Bath Academy

When to Apply for a Visa?

The earliest you can apply for a visa is 3 months before you start your course from inside the UK or 6 months before you start your course from outside the UK.

You will usually get a decision on your visa within 3 weeks. You can check visa processing times for your country here: <https://www.gov.uk/visa-processing-times>

- It costs £490 to apply for a Student or Child Student visa from outside the UK
- It costs £490 to apply for a Student or Child Student visa from inside the UK

You will also have to pay the Healthcare Surcharge of £776 per year (if applicable).

Documents you Must Provide for Your Visa Application

When you apply for your visa you must provide:

- A current passport
- Proof that you can support yourself and pay for the course – initially in the form of a bank statement
- Your Tuberculosis test results if you are from a country where you have to take the test.
- Your CAS number
- Evidence of your English Language level - e.g. an IELTS for UKVI (Academic) examination certificate
- Proof of parental or legal guardian consent if you are under 18.

The documents listed in your CAS will need to be shown at your visa appointment.

A full list of other documents you require can be found on the Gov.UK website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/points-based-system-student-route>

What is a Certificate of Acceptance for Studies (CAS)?

UK Visas and Immigration rules require Bath Academy to sponsor your application for a Student or Child Student visa (not to be mistaken for financial sponsorship). A CAS number confirms that Bath Academy have made you an offer of a place to study with us, and that you have accepted this.

The CAS number is linked to an electronic profile of your course titles and dates, the qualifications Bath Academy assessed you on and the evidence used to assess your level of English language. Your CAS number can only be used for one visa application.

To begin the CAS request process, students will need to have received an unconditional offer from Bath Academy, will need to accept the offer of the place on the course and have paid the deposit of fees and all forms completed and returned.

How Will I Receive my CAS?

Once you have accepted your place at Bath Academy by paying the deposit of fees, you will be asked to provide information which is used by Bath Academy to issue your CAS.

A CAS **will not** be issued until Bath Academy has received a copy of:

- Your Passport
- Any previous UK Visas
- Your educational certificates
- Evidence of English Language (if applying for a Student Visa)
- Fully completed Application form, Registration form, and other College acceptance documents
- Bank Statements and Financial Evidence
- Birth Certificate and Letter of Parental Consent (if student is under 18 or using parent(s) bank statement)

Bath Academy will only issue a CAS after we are satisfied you will be able to meet the requirements for a successful Student/Child Student visa application, including the maintenance requirements (if required); <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/money>

Does a CAS guarantee my Visa Application?

A CAS does not guarantee that your visa application will be successful. It is your responsibility to make sure that you meet the criteria for your Student/ Child Student application, ensure you read information from Bath Academy Admissions Team as well as the Student & Child Student policy guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/points-based-system-student-route>

Should I Apply for a Student or Child Student Visa?

Students under the age of 18 can apply for a Child Student Visa.

Students age 16 and over, and who will be studying the University or International Medical Foundation Programme **must** make a Student visa application.

The Admissions Team will confirm which visa you should be applying for during your application.

Visa Application Checklist

- A valid passport – with at least 6 months remaining before expiring
- Evidence of the qualifications listed on your CAS
- Evidence that you meet the English Language requirement for the course, e.g. an IELTS for UKVI (Academic) certificate
- Original paper receipts for any tuition fees and/or accommodation costs that you have already paid to your institution (if not included on your CAS)
- Evidence that you meet the financial requirements, e.g.:
 - Bank or building society statements
 - Building society passbooks
 - Letter from your bank or regulated financial institution
 - Letter from an official financial sponsor
- If funds are held in your parent's or legal guardian's name you will need to show evidence of their relationship to you; e.g. a Birth Certificate and a letter from them consenting to your studies and the use of these funds.
- Translations of ALL documents that are not in English
- If under 18 on the date of applying for the visa: a letter from your parent/legal guardian confirming their relationship to you and that they consent to your study and living arrangements in the UK whilst at Bath Academy

Once you have all these documents prepared – complete the visa application form online: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-uk-visa>

Pay the Immigration health surcharge (£776 per year if applicable) + pay Visa Application fee.

Inform Bath Academy of the Visa Appointment date.

Returning Student/ Child Student Checklist:

- Biometric Resident Permit or E-Visa Status
- Passport
- You must be able to show academic progression from your previous course. e.g. (I)GCSEs to A Level or the University Foundation Programme.
- Evidence of the qualifications listed on your CAS
- Evidence that you meet the English Language requirement for the course, e.g. an IELTS for UKVI (Academic) certificate
- Original paper receipts for any tuition fees and/or accommodation costs that you have already paid to your institution (if not included on your CAS)
- Evidence that you meet the financial requirements, e.g.:
 - Bank or building society statements
 - Building society passbooks
 - Letter from your bank or regulated financial institution
 - Letter from an official financial sponsor
- If funds are held in your parent's or legal guardian's name you will need to show evidence of their relationship to you; e.g. a Birth Certificate and a letter from them consenting to your studies and the use of these funds.
- Translations of **ALL** documents that are not in English
- If under 18 on the date of applying for the visa: a letter from your parent/legal guardian confirming their relationship to you and that they consent to your study and living arrangements in the UK whilst at Bath Academy.

Once you have all these documents prepared – complete the Student/ Child Student application form online: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-uk-visa> . It costs **£490** to switch to a Student or Child Student visa from inside the UK.

Pay the Immigration health surcharge (£776 per year if applicable) + pay Visa Application fee. Inform Bath Academy of the Visa Appointment date.