

GB UK Student Visa (Step-by-Step Process)

Step 1: University Admission

Client Responsibilities:

- Choose a course and university in the UK
- Submit admission application with: Academic documents, English proficiency proof (e.g., IELTS UKVI), Passport, CV, SOP

University Responsibilities:

- Review documents and issue **Conditional/Unconditional Offer Letter**

Step 2: Secure Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS)

Client Must:

- Meet all offer conditions (e.g., submit final documents, pay initial tuition deposit)
- Provide financial evidence to the university (if requested)

University Issues:

- **CAS Letter** (with a unique CAS number)
- Includes: tuition fees, amount paid, course duration, sponsor license number

Step 3: Prepare for Visa Application

Client Gathers the Following:

- Valid passport, CAS letter, Academic documents, Proof of English proficiency
- Financial documents:
 - 28-day bank statement (tuition + 9 months of living expenses)
 - Funds in client's or parent's/sponsor's name
- TB test certificate (if required) , Birth certificate + consent letter (if under 18)
- ATAS certificate (for some postgraduate courses)

Step 4: Complete Visa Application Online

1. Create an account on UKVI website
2. Fill in the **Student Visa (Tier 4)** application form
3. Pay:
 - **Visa fee:** approx. £490
 - **IHS (Immigration Health Surcharge):** £776/year of study
4. Book **biometric appointment** (at VFS/TLS center)

Step 5: Attend Biometric Appointment

- Submit fingerprints and photo
- Submit supporting documents (physically or upload online depending on VFS process)

Step 6: Visa Processing

- Standard processing time: **15 working days**
- Priority service (optional): 5–7 working days (extra cost)

Step 7: Visa Decision

✓ If Approved:

- Receive **30-day visa vignette** in passport
- Receive instructions to collect **BRP (Biometric Residence Permit)** in the UK

✗ If Refused:

- Option to reapply with corrections or appeal (if applicable)

Step 8: Travel to the UK

Client Must:

- Travel within 30-day vignette validity
- Carry:
 - Original documents
 - CAS letter
 - Financial proofs (recommended)

Step 9: Arrival in the UK

- Collect **BRP card** from post office within 10 days of arrival
- Register with university and start classes
- Comply with visa conditions (e.g., attendance, part-time work limits)

Summary Timeline:

Step	Time Estimate
University Admission	1–4 weeks
CAS Issuance	1–2 weeks after deposit
Visa Filing	1 week
Decision	2–3 weeks (standard)
Total Duration	~6–10 weeks