Student visa application guidance
EEA and Swiss nationals
Applying outside the UK (entry clearance)
EEA / Swiss Entry Clearance Student visa application

- This document is intended to provide information to University of Cambridge students who are completing a student visa application from outside the UK (entry clearance). It has been prepared by the University’s International Student Office using screen shots from the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) website in order to show the questions asked in the application.

- This guide is for those with EEA or Swiss nationality – who follow a separate process to those with other nationalities.

  The link to apply is: https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/apply

- Guidance about the process for EEA and Swiss nationals can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-uk-immigration-id-check-app
Are you intending to live in one of the Crown Dependencies of the United Kingdom?

The Crown Dependencies are Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man

- Yes
- No

You must select ‘no’ to this question.

Continue
Do you have a current EU, EEA or Swiss passport?

The EEA includes the EU countries and Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Select ‘Yes’.

Continue

Should I apply to the EU Settlement Scheme instead?
Confirm your identity

You will need a passport with a biometric chip.

Scan your passport and upload a photo of yourself

To confirm your identity, you will use the free UK Immigration: ID Check app to scan your passport with a biometric chip and upload a photo of yourself.

If you are applying for someone else, the applicant needs to confirm their identity - you can help them use the app.

If you cannot use the app to confirm your identity

You will need to go to a visa application centre after you apply instead. Visa application centres are not available in all countries.

At this point the visa application form explains that you will need to confirm your identity to UKVI using the app (and explain what will happen if you can’t use the app).

Click ‘continue’ to progress.
The next section of the form will provide you with instructions on how to set up an account with UKVI.

After confirmation that your account has been created you are then prompted to use the ‘UK Immigration: ID Check’ app to verify your identity. The process to confirm your identity using the app is confirmed below:

**Confirm your identity using the app**

**You will need to:**
1. Download and open the 'UK Immigration: ID Check' app.
2. Use the app to scan your identity document.
3. Upload a photo of yourself.

Continue
Does your identity document have a biometric chip?

Look for this symbol, usually on the cover of a passport, or at the top of a card:

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Once you select ‘yes’ here the next page will explain how to download the app, and connect to it.

Nb. If your passport does not have a biometric chip you will be unable to use the ‘UK Immigration: ID Check’ app and will need to attend an appointment at a visa application centre which is booked at the end of the online application.
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Continue on the app

1. Find a phone the app works on

You must have an iPhone or Android phone with Near Field Communication (NFC) so the app can scan the biometric chip in your identity document.

**iPhones**

The app will work on an iPhone 7 or newer models.

**Android phones**

Your phone will have NFC if you can use it to make contactless payments.

If you cannot find a phone, ask a friend or family member if you can use their one. No information is stored on the phone or app after you close it.

2. Download the app

Search for 'UK Immigration: ID Check' in the Google Play or App Store.

I cannot download the app

3. Connect the app

Open the app and select how you would like to connect.

**QR Code**

Use the scanner in the app to scan this QR code:

![QR Code Image]

**Connection code**

You will be given a connection code in the app.

Enter connection code

Connect
You need to use either the QR code or the connection code to connect to the app. The connection code is provided to you in the app.

The app will then explain how to scan your document, take a picture of your face, and take a photo of yourself.

Once you have confirmed your identity using the app you can then complete the rest of the application on that device or any smartphone, tablet, laptop or computer.

Once you have completed your application, you do not need to keep the app downloaded on your phone. If your application is successful, you can travel to the UK using your digital immigration status. You will not get a vignette (sticker) in your passport.
## Apply for a student visa

You need to complete every section.

### 1. Identity and contact
- Confirm your sign-in email address
- Confirm your sign-in phone number
- Confirm your identity
- Immigration adviser details
- Contact preferences
- Other names and nationalities

### 2. Prepare application
- People applying with you
- Your location
- Personal details
- Family and relationships
- Living arrangements
- Family in the UK
- Travel history
- Criminality
- Study details
- English language ability
- Account security questions
- Declaration

### 3. Pay and submit application
- Immigration health surcharge
- Application payment

### 4. Provide evidence
Are you using an immigration adviser based in the UK?

Unless you are paying an immigration lawyer you should select ‘no’ here. Advice and guidance from the International Student Office is not considered to be advice from an immigration adviser based in the UK for the purposes of this question.

Answer as appropriate.
In addition to the names already provided, are you now or have you ever been known by another name?

Do you have a valid national identity card?

National identity card number

Issuing authority

Issue date (if applicable)

Expiry date (if applicable)

Do you currently hold, or have you ever held, any other nationality or citizenship?

Answer as appropriate.

You only need to state you have a valid national ID card if your country of nationality issues these.

If you hold / have previously held other nationalities or citizenships you must select ‘YES’ here and will then be prompted to add further details.
It is not a requirement to have confirmed accommodation arranged in the UK for your visa to be granted. You can select ‘no’ here. If you are prompted to provide further information you can explain that you do not yet have accommodation confirmed in the UK and briefly explain your intention to arrange for College or private accommodation as appropriate.
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<td>Can you provide details about at least one of your parents?</td>
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<td>What is this person's relationship to you?</td>
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<td>Date of birth</td>
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<td>Country of Nationality</td>
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<td>Have they always had the same nationality?</td>
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<td>Do you have children under 18 who live with you or who you are financially responsible for?</td>
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<td>Do you have any family in the UK that you have not already mentioned?</td>
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If you select ‘no’ here you will be asked to explain why.
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Date you plan to arrive in the UK

How many times have you visited the following places in the past 10 years?

- Australia
- Canada
- New Zealand
- USA
- Switzerland
- European Economic Area (do not include travel to the UK)

Answer as appropriate.

If you cannot recall exact dates and no longer have records of these visits, you should complete this section to the best of your ability and add an explanatory cover note to explain this. You could then upload this as a supporting document.
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<td>Answer as appropriate.</td>
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<td>How many times have you been to the UK in the past 10 years?</td>
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<td>Select why you were in the UK:</td>
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<td>Date you arrived in the UK</td>
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<td>How long were you in the UK?</td>
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<td>Did you receive medical treatment in the UK after 1 January 2021?</td>
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<td>Do you have a UK National Insurance number?</td>
<td>You will only have a UK National Insurance number if you have previously worked in the UK.</td>
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<td>Do you have a UK driving licence?</td>
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<td>Have you received any public funds (money) in the UK?</td>
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For either the UK or any other country, have you ever been:

- refused a visa
- refused entry at the border
- refused permission to stay or remain
- refused asylum
- deported
- removed
- required to leave
- excluded or banned from entry

The subsequent questions ask about any other breach of UK immigration law, criminal convictions, any involvement in war crimes, terrorist activity, and extremist organisations and views.

You’ll also be asked questions about being a person of good character as well as your employment history within certain sectors.
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<td>We may have to talk to you about your application. What language would you prefer to use?</td>
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<td>Do you have a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies reference number</td>
<td></td>
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<td>What type of sponsor will you be studying with?</td>
<td>Higher Education Institution</td>
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<td>Are you going to be a postgraduate doctor or dentist on a recognised Foundation Programme?</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Did you apply for your course through UCAS?</td>
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**Answer as appropriate.**

**You should refer to your CAS statement to answer these questions.**

At Cambridge, undergraduate applicants apply through UCAS (University and Colleges Admissions Service).

Other students will have applied directly and can select ‘No’
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<th>What is your sponsor licence number?</th>
<th>4NUV7KB58</th>
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<td><strong>Address</strong></td>
<td>The Old Schools, Trinity Lane Cambridge CB2 1TN</td>
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<td><strong>Is this where the majority of your study will take place?</strong></td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Name of sponsor institution (school/college/university)</strong></td>
<td>University of Cambridge</td>
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<td><strong>Course name</strong></td>
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You should refer to your CAS statement to answer these questions.
The next section will ask you about your English language proficiency. Where asked, you can answer 'Yes' to confirm you are studying at a Higher Education Institution with a track record of compliance and that your sponsor has assessed your English language proficiency.
The next steps of the visa application will ask you to:

- complete a declaration
- make a payment for the Immigration Healthcare Surcharge
- make a payment for the visa application fee
- submit the application
- provide your supporting documentation

If you have any questions or are unsure about anything in the application, or with your supporting documents, contact the University’s International Student Office by emailing international.students@admin.cam.ac.uk

This guide is correct as of May 2022. Please note that changes can be made to the application by the Home Office at short notice. This document is provided as general guidance on completing a student visa application. Contact the International Student Office if you are unsure of anything in the application as you complete it in relation to your circumstances. The International Student Office cannot accept responsibility for any errors or omissions or for decisions made by the Home Office.