Tier 4 visa application guidance – applying inside the UK (Leave to Remain)
This document is intended to provide guidance to University of Cambridge students on completing a Tier 4 visa application from inside the UK (Leave to Remain). It has been prepared by the University’s International Student Office using screen shots from the Tier 4 online form on the Home Office website.

You must be inside the UK to make this application, and this is the first question the online form will ask you.

Students are advised to read the Tier 4 visa application guidance on the University’s webpages as well as on the gov.co.uk website, including the Tier 4 Policy Guidance prior to making an application.

Reference is made in the document to the ‘Tier 4 visa pilot’. This is relevant to students who will be studying on a Masters course of 13 months or less. If this is applicable, your visa application will automatically be considered under the pilot.

Apply online to extend your current immigration permission to a Tier 4 (General) student visa using the following link:

https://visas-immigration.service.gov.uk/product/tier-4-student

Once you have logged in and created a password you will have 10 weeks to submit your application.

If you currently hold permission in another immigration category, you will need to check you are eligible to switch into Tier 4 from inside the UK on the UK Visa and Immigration website.

After 25 minutes of inactivity you will be automatically logged out.
If you are coming from another UK University to start a new course at Cambridge

You must make a new Tier 4 application before starting your course at Cambridge. You are able to start your course at Cambridge once you have made a new Tier 4 application and whilst the decision is pending.

If you have already been studying at Cambridge and applying for a Tier 4 visa for a new course

You are able to start your new course on your existing visa, if that visa does not expire until after your new course start date, but you must make a new Tier 4 application within six weeks of your official course start date or before your current visa expires, whichever is earlier.

If you already have a visa to study a PhD at Cambridge and are applying for a Tier 4 extension to complete your studies

You must make the new application prior to your current visa expiring and you will then be able to continue your studies with a pending application.
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If you have submitted any other applications to the Home Office which have not yet been decided then submitting this application renders those previous applications invalid. This means that only the application you are currently completing will now be considered.

**Note about timeframes**

The standard advertised timeframe for Leave to Remain applications is 8 weeks.

The decision will be sent to the address you have used in the application.

If your application has been successful, your BRP will be sent to you separately. This can take up to a further 10 days after the decision on your application.

Priority and super priority services are available at additional cost.
Confirm location and visa application type

You will first be asked to confirm that you are currently in the UK. You will also be asked whether you have any current applications for leave to remain which you have yet to receive a decision on.

Register your email

You must register your email address and create a password. You will then be emailed a link to enable you to return to your application at a later stage, if you wish. You can add an additional contact email address if you wish.

Remember to save each page as you complete the application form.

As you go through the application, you will be able to review and change your previous answers if required, or log out and return to the application at a later stage via the link emailed to you.
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Your location
Are you currently in the UK?
- Yes
- No

Other Home Office applications
Do you currently have an application with the Home Office for leave to remain for which you have not yet received a decision?
If you have submitted any other applications to the Home Office which have not yet been decided then submitting this application varies those previous applications. This means that only this application, which you are now completing, will now be considered.
- Yes
- No

Register an email
Email address

Create a password
Your password must be 8 characters or longer and include a letter and a number or symbol.

Repeat your password

You must enter an email address and password so that you save your answers. While completing your application, you can select the option to ‘Return to this application later’ and you will be sent a link to log into your latest saved application.

A verification email will be sent to this email address. You must verify your email in order to continue with the application.
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**Check your answers**

Check the information below before you continue to the next section.

**Personal information**

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You will be asked to check the answers to the first few questions before you can progress to the next part of the application form.
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Applicant(s)

Once the questions for the main applicant have been completed, you will be able to add additional applicants to this application, such as a family member or dependant.

If you have dependent family members with you in the UK we first advise that you read our webpages on Tier 4 dependants.

The Home Office advises, where possible, for dependants to apply at the same time as the student. If this is not possible then your dependants can apply once you have the outcome of your application, as long as their own immigration permission has not expired by then.

The application enables you to add dependants so they are attached to the same application. You will have to complete a separate online application information and pay the application fee and Immigration Healthcare Surcharge for each dependant.
First you will be asked for your name as shown in your current passport or travel document.

You will also be asked if you have been known by any other names (e.g. Changed your name after marriage, have another name that you use for professional purposes).

Can we use this email address to contact you?

Applicant’s email address

If possible, we will use this email as your correspondence address. We will use this to contact you about your application and may use it to contact you about your immigration status after your application has been decided. Emails may go to your spam, junk or trash folders.

You must notify us immediately if your email changes. Find out how to change your details here.

UKVI may use email to contact you about your application.

They could contact you for further information, or send a decision on your application by email.

They could also use email to contact you about your immigration status after your application has been decided. You must therefore notify UKVI immediately if any of the contact email addresses you provide as part of your application change.
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Applicant Name's telephone number

Provide your telephone number
Include the dialling code. We may contact you by telephone if we have any further questions about your application, or about your immigration status after your application has been decided. This may be a home, work or mobile number.

You must notify us immediately if the contact telephone number you provide as part of this application changes. Find out how to change your details here.

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[ ] I cannot be contacted by telephone

Where do you use this telephone number?
You can select more than one option

[ ] For use whilst in the UK

[ ] For use whilst out of the UK

If you do not want to be contacted by telephone, tick this box and do not enter a telephone number
The postal address you list here is the address your BRP will be sent to. Please ensure that you are able to receive mail to this address throughout the application consideration period (8+ weeks if using the standard service).

Make sure you use the correct postcode. If you do not have your postcode you can enter your address into the Royal Mail Postcode Finder to obtain these details: https://www.royalmail.com/find-a-postcode

If you do not live at the address provided, and you select no, you will be asked to provide your living address and confirm when you started living here.
Your gender and relationship status

What is your gender, as shown in your passport or travel document?

- Male
- Female
- Unspecified

What is your relationship status?

- Single
- Married or a civil partner
- Unmarried partner
- Divorced or civil partnership dissolved
- Separated
- Widowed or a surviving civil partner

Enter details as it appears in your passport

'Single' means that you have never been married or been in a civil partnership, and that you do not currently consider yourself in a relationship.

'Unmarried partnership' means that you currently consider yourself in a relationship but are not married or in a civil partnership.
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Your nationality, country and date of birth

Country of nationality
If you have previous or additional nationalities, you will be able to add these later in the application.

Enter details as appropriate

Country of birth

Place of birth
Enter your place of birth (for example, the city or province), as shown on your passport or travel document.

Date of birth
Enter date in the format DD MM YYYY

Day Month Year


You will be asked if you have a valid passport and then required to complete this section.

The passport used here must be the one stated on the CAS you have received from the University.

Enter details exactly as it appears in your passport.

Your passport is a mandatory supporting document of your visa application, please notify the International Student Office if you do not have access to your passport.
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**Your identity card**

Do you have a valid national identity card? This includes identity cards, issued from non-UK governments. This does not include driving licences. If you have an internal passport, provide the details here.

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Enter details as appropriate. If you do not have an identity card, answer ‘no’. If you have a national identity card you will be asked for further information.

**Your other nationalities**

Do you currently hold, or have you ever held, any other nationality or citizenship? You must provide all the nationalities that you currently hold or have ever held.

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If you hold more than one nationality, you must include the details here.
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Your current UK immigration status

Do you currently have a visa or leave to remain?

- Yes
- No

What type of visa or leave to remain do you have?

- I have a different visa or leave to remain

Enter the details of your current immigration permission for the UK.

Remember that your visa for the UK must be valid at the point you make your application, and if you do not currently have a Tier 4 visa your immigration permission must allow you to switch into Tier 4.

If you applied for your current visa from overseas your BRP will state “Tier 4 (General) Leave to Enter”, which you will note is not available as an option for this question. In this instance you should select “Tier 4 (General) Leave to Remain”.

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Your current visa or leave to remain

What is the start date of your current visa or leave to remain?
Enter date in the format DD MM YYYY

Day Month Year

What is the end date of your current visa or leave to remain?
Day Month Year

⚠️ You must submit your application before your current leave expires

Enter the details as confirmed on your BRP.

‘Leave’ in this context means your immigration permission for the UK.
Revocation, cancellation or curtailment
Has your visa or leave to remain ever been revoked, cancelled or curtailed?
This means your visa or leave was withdrawn after it had been granted. You would have been informed by the Home Office.

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Your most recent leave
Was your most recent leave as a Tier 4 student, as a Student or as a Postgraduate Doctor or Dentist?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Enter the details as appropriate.
If your visa has ever been revoked, cancelled or curtailed you will be asked to provide further details at another point in the application.

Click as appropriate.
Biometric residence permit (BRP)

Do you have a biometric residence permit?
This is a card with your name, nationality and picture. It describes your entitlement to be in the UK.

- Yes, I have a biometric residence permit
- No, I had a biometric residence permit for my most recent leave, but I do not have it now
- No, I did not have a biometric residence permit for my most recent leave

Answer as appropriate

A biometric residence permit is a credit-card size document which contains your personal and biometric information and will confirm your immigration permission in the UK.
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Police registration

During your current or last grant of leave in the UK, were you required to register with the police?

Certain nationalities are required to register with the police as a condition of their leave. If this condition applied to you, you will have been instructed to register with your local police station when you were granted your last period of leave in the UK. The requirement to register with the police may also feature on your visa or your Biometric Residence Permit, if you are required to have one.

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Save and continue

This information should only appear if you are one of the nationalities requiring police registration in the UK.
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Enter the details as appropriate.

If you currently hold a BRP you will be asked for the permit number. This can be found on the front of the card, in the top right hand corner.
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**Your National Insurance number**

What is your current National Insurance number?

Example QQ 12 34 56 C

Enter the details as appropriate.

A National Insurance number is issued to anyone who works in the UK. You normally need to apply for one.

☐ I do not have a National Insurance number, or I have a temporary one

Enter the details as appropriate.

**Study as a Tier 4 (Child) student**

Have you successfully completed a course of study in the UK as a Tier 4 (Child) student?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Enter the details as appropriate.

This would have been under the Tier 4 (child) student visa which would be confirmed on your BRP / visa vignette. If the answer to this question is ‘yes’ you will then not be asked the next questions about English language assessment.
English language assessment

If you are studying at a higher education institution, have they assessed that you meet the English language requirement, or that you are a 'gifted student'?

You can find this information on your Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS) statement, if you have one.

☐ Yes  ☐ No

You should check your CAS under the section “SELT Required”.
A SELT is a ‘secure English language test’ and normally this will stated ‘No’.
If your CAS states ‘No’ then this means that your CAS has confirmed that you meet the English language requirement and you should then select ‘Yes’ to this question.

This question will not appear if you are a national of a majority English speaking country (as defined by UKVI).
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Problems with immigration to the UK

Have you ever been:

- refused a visa for the UK
- deported from the UK
- removed from the UK
- required to leave the UK
- refused entry at the UK border

Enter the details as appropriate.

If you select ‘Yes’ to this question you will be asked to provide further details.

Failure to declare this will result in your visa application being refused and a ban from the UK

Problems with immigration to countries other than the UK

Have you ever been:

- refused a visa for any country other than the UK
- deported from any country other than the UK
- removed from any country other than the UK
- required to leave any country other than the UK
- refused entry at the border of any country other than the UK

Enter the details as appropriate.

If you select ‘Yes’ to this question you will be asked to provide further details.

Failure to declare this will result in your visa application being refused and a ban from the UK

Give details of any time you were refused a visa or had to leave a country (other than the UK) for any reason.
Public funds

Have you ever received any public funds (money) in the UK?
This includes benefits for people on low incomes, such as housing or child benefits.

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Enter the details as appropriate.

If you select ‘Yes’ to this question you will be asked to provide further details of the public funds you have received.

Examples of public funds are income support, social fund payment, working tax credit, carer’s allowance, disability living allowance, housing benefit, council tax reduction, council tax benefit.

If you have previously studied in the UK and received bursaries from your University to help with housing costs, this would not count as public funds.
Convictions and other penalties

At any time have you ever had any of the following, in the UK or in another country?
Only select one answer at a time. If you need to give more than one answer, you can do so on another page.

- A criminal conviction
- A penalty for a driving offence, for example disqualification for speeding or no motor insurance
- An arrest or charge for which you are currently on, or awaiting trial
- A caution, warning, reprimand or other penalty
- A civil court judgment against you, for example for non payment of debt, bankruptcy proceedings or anti-social behaviour
- A civil penalty issued under UK immigration law
- No, I have never had any of these

Answer as appropriate. You must provide full and honest answers.

In the subsequent questions you will also be asked about War Crimes, Terrorist Activities, Terrorist Organisations and Terrorist Views.

You must tell us about spent as well as unspent convictions.
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Sponsor licence number and address

This information is on your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) statement, or contact your sponsor to get their licence number.

What is your sponsor licence number?
4NUV7KB58

Sponsor's address
The Old Schools
Trinity Lane

Town/City
Cambridge

Postcode
CB2 1TN

Complete this section with these details.
Place of Study

Will you be studying at a school or higher education institution?

- School
- Higher education institution

Select that you will be studying at a Higher Education institution.

Primary site of study

Is this the site where the majority of your study will take place?

The Old Schools
Trinity Lane
Cambridge
CB2 1TN

Select ‘Yes’ as this is your main study address for visa application purposes.
UCAS is an organisation which operates an application process for UK Universities. At Cambridge, undergraduate students apply through UCAS. You will need to provide your UCAS personal identification number.

Other students will have applied directly to the University and can select ‘No’.
Your offer from the University will have confirmed whether or not you required ATAS approval as a condition of admission. This is also confirmed on your CAS.

If you select ‘Yes’ to this question you will need to provide the reference number issued on your ATAS clearance certificate. The certificate must be valid.

Please note if you required ATAS clearance, you must submit the certificate issued by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) as a supporting document with your visa application.
Current or past official financial sponsor

Are you currently receiving money from an official financial sponsor - or have you received money from an official financial sponsor in the past 12 months?

- Yes
- No

The following questions are about your finances. Your answer will depend on how you are funding your studies at Cambridge.

Nb If you have been studying in the UK and have received money from an official financial sponsor in the past 12 months you will require a letter of consent from your official financial sponsor confirming they give their permission for you to stay in the UK.
The following questions are about your finances. Your answer will depend on how you are funding your studies at Cambridge.

Select ‘Yes’ to this question if you will be financially sponsored by the UK Government, your home Government, a University, or an international company or organisation.

If you select ‘Yes’ and you are receiving financial sponsorship which covers full course fees and living costs, you will need to confirm whether this information is stated on your CAS or you have a letter from your financial sponsor as evidence of this if you are being wholly sponsored. If you are not being sponsored in full (fees and living costs), then you should select “I am not being wholly sponsored”

Funding is only stated on the CAS where it is being provided by the University or your College. Check your CAS to confirm if this is included.

Funding from the Cambridge Trust is not stated on your CAS.
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**Course information**

Name of sponsor institution (school/college/university)

Enter ‘University of Cambridge’

Course name

Enter the course name as listed in your CAS

Qualification you will get

Select from the dropdown the qualification you will receive as stated in your CAS statement.

This is the level of the qualification you will receive at the end of your course.

Are you going to be a student union sabbatical officer?

- What is a student union sabbatical officer?

  - Yes
  - No

A sabbatical officer is a full-time officer elected by the members of a students' union. Select ‘no’ unless this applies to your circumstances.

Your CAS will show this as an RQF level, but the drop down shows RQF / SCQF levels.
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Course start date
Provide the start date of your main course of study, but do not include any other courses you may be taking before.
Enter date in the format DD MM YYYY

Day Month Year

Course end date
Day Month Year

Are you taking a pre-sessional course?
A pre-sessional is a course to prepare a student for their main course of studies.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Enter the start and end date as stated on your CAS.

**Nb: ADTIS (Pre-sessional) students on Masters courses**
If you have been issued one CAS to cover ADTIS (pre-sessional) and your Masters, you will have two start dates listed on your CAS in the ‘evidence used to obtain’ section - the start date of your pre-sessional and the start date for your Masters course. You must enter the **later date** as your course start date. If you enter the date of your pre-sessional as your start date you may not be identified as a participant in the Tier 4 visa pilot.

If you select yes, you'll be asked to provide the pre-sessional course start and end dates.
Doctorate Extension Scheme

Are you applying for the Doctorate Extension Scheme?
The Doctorate Extension Scheme is for students who have almost finished their PhD or other eligible doctorate degree. It allows them to stay in the UK for 12 months after their course has ended in order to gain further experience in their chosen field, seek skilled work or develop plans to set up as an entrepreneur.

Unless you have been issued with a CAS from the University for sponsorship under the Doctorate Extension Scheme your answer to this question should be ‘no’.

Selecting ‘no’ to this question will not affect any future application you make under DES.
Accommodation payments

Have you or your parent(s)/legal guardian(s) already paid any money to your sponsor for accommodation?

This is only money paid to your sponsor. For example, this does not include money paid to a private landlord or housing organisation. There is a limit on how much of this will count towards your maintenance requirement, and this is set out in the guidance here.

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Course fees

What are your course fees for your first year?

If your course is shorter than 12 months, state the total course fee. This information is on your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) statement. Alternatively, you can contact your sponsor for this information.

£

Enter your first year course fees as stated on your CAS.

If you select ‘Yes’ to this question then you must confirm the amount that has been paid towards your course fees and how this is evidenced. Any advance payment towards fees can be added to your CAS. For it to be included, you will need to request this if it does not already show on your CAS statement.
You must show that you have enough money to cover your course fees and living costs. Read the guidance to find out how much money you need to show and what documents you can use as evidence.

Are any of the maintenance funds required for this application in the form of a student loan?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

This question relates to maintenance funds. If you select ‘Yes’ you will be asked if you have already received your student loan and you may be required to evidence this loan.
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Maintenance funds

You must be able to prove that you have sufficient funds to cover £1015 in living costs for each month of your course up to a maximum of 9 months.

If you select no, you will be asked if you’re relying on money held in an account under your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) name, whether you have permission from them to use it, and how you will prove they are your parent(s) or legal guardian(s). You’ll have the option to select birth certificate, adoption certificate, or course document.

If you are unsure how you will evidence that you meet these requirements for your visa application, use the University’s Tier 4 maintenance checker.

If you are receiving official financial sponsorship, as outlined in an earlier question, which covers the required funds in full, you can answer ‘no’ to the funds being in a bank account.
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Your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies

Do you have a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies reference number

- Confirm you have a CAS and enter the CAS reference number.
- You cannot complete your Tier 4 application until you have received your CAS.
- This should be copied and pasted from your CAS statement.
You should now check through your answers to ensure all the information you have entered is correct.

If any answers contain mistakes you are able to go back and correct them at this stage by clicking on the 'change' hyperlinks.

Once you have agreed to the subsequent declaration, you will no longer be able to edit your answers so you should check through the form carefully at this stage before proceeding.
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All applicants

If you are making an application with other people, such as a family member or dependant, you can add them here. You can either add each applicant to this page first before filling in their details (including your own) or you can fill in all the details for one applicant first and then add others.

You can return to this page by using the ‘all applicants’ button at the top left of each page.

Tier 4 (General) student

Your name and date of birth will appear here.

Completed

Edit responses about this applicant

Additional applicant

To add another applicant, select their relationship to you. If you do not wish to add another applicant, complete the application for the main applicant and select ‘Continue’.

I would like to add a:

You are able to add dependants at this stage and can do so here.
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Differentiation Arrangement
Do you want to submit your application under the differentiation arrangement?

You are a national of a differentiation arrangement country. You do not need to provide evidence of your money or qualifications with your application. You will need to provide them if asked.

☐ Yes  ☐ No

If you are a national of one of the listed countries, you will qualify for differentiation arrangements. This means you will not need to include evidence of finances or qualifications as supporting documents with your application.

This section of the form will only appear if you are a national of one of the following countries:

Australia, Bahrain, Barbados, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, The Dominican Republic, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Macau SAR, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Peru, Qatar, Serbia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, British National Overseas.
This section should not appear if you are eligible to apply under the Tier 4 visa pilot or you qualify for differentiation arrangements (as explained in the previous slide).

All other students will be required to provide evidence of funds with their visa application. This question requires you to confirm the financial documentation you will be submitting. If you are unsure of the requirements, use the University’s Tier 4 maintenance checker.

If you confirmed in answer to an earlier question that you are receiving official financial sponsorship covering full fees and living costs, you can enter the name of your financial sponsor under ‘Financial institution’ and select ‘Letter from a bank, building society of other recognised financial institution’. You will need to submit your financial sponsorship letter with your visa application if this information is not included in your CAS.
Add another financial document

Do you want to add another financial document?

The documents you send in need to prove that you have the full amount. If the documents you have already added do not show this, you should add more documents now.

☐ Yes  ☐ No

You are able to use more than one form of financial evidence to prove you meet the Tier 4 financial requirements.

If you will be using additional evidence you should ‘select’ yes in this section where you will be asked further questions about the type of document you will be submitting.
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Documents

Mandatory documents
These documents are mandatory and you must provide them as part of your application. Tick the box to agree that you will provide each document:

Other documents
If you do not provide these documents, your application may be delayed or refused.

Once you have completed the form you will be provided with a list of supporting documents you need to submit with your application.

What you need to submit will depend on your course and nationality.

You need to tick each box to demonstrate the documents you will be submitting with your visa application.

If you have been officially financially sponsored within the past 12 months the form should prompt you that you will be required to submit a letter from your current or past official financial sponsor confirming you have their permission to continue your studies in the UK.

You will be able to upload your supporting documents as part of the online application, once you have booked your biometric appointment.
Supporting Documents (continued)

If you are a national of one of the countries required to register with the Police and you have not kept your Police Registration Certificate up to date or have lost this document please contact the International Student Office.

Supporting Documents (continued)

If you no longer have one of the required supporting documents for your visa application please contact the International Student Office.
Next you will be asked to check the information you have supplied about your maintenance and the documents you will submit.
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Declaration
By sending this application, you confirm that to the best of your knowledge and belief the following is correct:

- the information relating to the application
- the supporting documents
- the photograph is an accurate likeness

Also, the application will be processed according to the privacy policy and terms and conditions.

If false information is given, the application will be refused and the applicant may be banned from the UK and prosecuted.

I confirm that:

- I am the applicant
- I am a representative of the applicant and have been authorised to act on their behalf and have discussed and confirmed the contents of this application with them

I accept the above
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Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS)

You must pay your Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) before you can complete your visa application. You will pay your IHS on another website, then return to this site to complete and pay for your application. If you are exempt, you will still need to get a reference number from the IHS website.

Your IHS reference number will automatically be included on your application once you pay and return to this site.

⚠️ Your answers will be locked when you go to the IHS website, even if you do not pay your IHS straight away. If you need to make any changes to your answers you must do so now. Check your answers

Payment of the immigration health surcharge will enable you to access the UK’s National Health Service at no additional cost.

It is charged at £300 per year for the duration the visa will be valid based on your course dates. These should match the dates outlined on your CAS. Part of a year that is 6 months or less is charged at £150.
After the declaration you will be asked to select the service you will be using. The cost and timeframe of each service will be confirmed at this point:

Standard Postal Service: £475 (decision within 8 weeks)
Priority Postal Service: £975 (decision within 10 working days)
Premium Service: £1275 (decision on the same day)

Please note that it can then take around a week (after the decision) to receive your BRP and this will be sent to you using a courier service.

Please consult the International Student Office webpages on Leave to Remain applications for further advice and guidance about the process:
https://www.internationalstudents.cam.ac.uk/tier-4-leave-remain
Leave to remain application

As part of the online application you will be able to upload supporting documents and book an appointment to have your passport scanned and enrol your biometrics. You are required to attend an appointment to enrol your biometrics within 45 days of submitting your online application.

The Home Office uses UK Visas and Citizenship Application Services (UKVCAS) to manage the appointment system. Appointments are offered in different locations and the cost varies depending on where you select. Appointments are subject to availability and therefore may not be available at your preferred location.

When booking an appointment with UKVCAS you will be required to set up a separate account (this includes having an access code sent to your email address).

After booking your appointment you will be able to upload your supporting documents. We encourage you to do this, as you may be charged an additional fee to have supporting documents uploaded at your appointment.
Your biometric appointment can be booked at either a Core Service Point or an Enhanced Service Point:

- An appointment to have your passport scanned and enrol your biometrics at a Core Service Points is free of charge during core operational hours. The nearest Core Service Point is in Croydon, London. There is an additional charge of £35 to have other supporting documents uploaded so you are advised to do this online prior to the appointment. How quickly you will be able to secure an appointment is subject to availability. Appointments outside of core hours may be available at a cost.

- There is an Enhanced Service Point in Cambridge Central Library in the Grand Arcade. There is an additional £60 charge to book an appointment. Appointments available outside of core hours may be available at an increased charge. How quickly you will be able to secure an appointment is subject to availability.
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 September 2019. Please note that immigration changes can be made to the visa application by the Home Office at short notice. This document is provided as general guidance on completing a Tier 4 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.