

Graduate Route Visa

Application Guide



November 2024



Create Your UKVI Account

Answer a set of questions before the account creation

Where are you planning to live?

- England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland
- Jersey, Guernsey or the Isle of Man

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

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

- Yes No

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Answer Questions

Do you have a valid UK biometric residence permit (BRP)?

You will need your BRP to confirm your identity. If you have lost your BRP, select No.

Yes No

Continue

Have you ever provided your fingerprints for a UK visa application?

Select no if you were a child aged 4 or younger at that time.

Yes No

Continue

Select 'yes' if you have been granted a Student visa from outside or inside the UK.



Answer Questions

Is your name on your biometric residence permit the same as on your current passport?

Yes No

[Continue](#)



UK Immigration: ID Check



Check you can use the app

You can use the app on:

- an iPhone 7 or newer models
- an Android phone with near-field communication (NFC)

Check the phone's settings to see if it has NFC. The phone has NFC if you can use it to make contactless payments.

If you do not have a phone

Ask a friend or family member if you can use their phone. No information is stored on the app or phone after you close it.

You do not have to apply on the phone - you can do the rest of your application on your computer or another device.

We will send your decision letter by email – this can be your email or someone else's. You do not use your decision letter to prove your status.

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Create your account now

Create a UK Visas and Immigration account

To use this service, you need to create an account.

Once you have an account, you can use it to confirm your identity, apply and use other Home Office services.

What you need

You will need your:

- date of birth
- passport
- email address
- phone number

If you need to give someone application access so they can apply for you, you also need their email address and phone number.

Who can create an account

You can create an account for yourself or someone else in some cases - for example, your young child.

[Create an account](#)



Account Questions

Create account

Who are you creating this account for?

Each applicant needs a separate account, using their name, date of birth and identity document.

Me

Someone else

For example, you are a parent creating an account for your child, or you are helping someone with their immigration applications.

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Create account

What is your name?

Enter your name as it is written in your identity document. Use the English spelling if it is written in 2 languages.

If you do not have both a given name and surname, enter your name in the 'Surname' field.

Given names

Your first and middle names

Surname

Include all your surnames

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Account Questions

Create account

What is your country of nationality?

This is the country of nationality shown on your identity document. Use the English spelling or the country code.

Continue



Create account

Enter your biometric residence permit details

Your biometric residence permit details will be linked to your account. Whenever you sign in to your account you will need to enter your biometric residence permit number.



Biometric residence permit number

For example, 'RAX203829'

Expiry date

For example, 29 12 2025

Day Month Year

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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If your Student leave is granted beyond 31 Dec 2024, your BRP end date should be 31 Dec 2024. Note that this step could change after eVisa is enforced from 01 Jan 2025.

Account Questions



Create account

What is your date of birth?

For example, 29 3 1976. When you sign in to your account you will need to enter your date of birth.

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

[▶ Help with date of birth](#)

Continue

Create account

Which identity document are you using?

Choose the document you will use to prove your identity. You will also use it to sign in to your account.

- Biometric residence permit (BRP)
Your BRP cannot have expired more than 1 year ago
- Passport
Your passport cannot have expired

Continue

You can use either document to create a UKVI account.

Create account

What email address do you want to use when you sign in to the account?

We will send a security code to this email address to check you can use it. We will send a new security code every time you sign in.

When the account is created, we will email you with instructions on how to sign in and manage the account.

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Use your personal email address for the account, not your university email as you will lose access to it after graduation.

Create account

What phone number do you want to use when you sign in to the account?

We will send a security code by text message (SMS) to this mobile phone to check you can use it. We will send a new security code every time you sign in.

For international numbers include + and the country code.
For example, +39 1 33 45 70 90

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Create account

Do you want someone else to have access to your account?

This could be a friend, family member or immigration adviser who is helping you. They can access and help with any of your visa or immigration applications. They cannot prove your immigration status or update your details.



Yes



No

Continue



Check your answer before you proceed

Create account

Check your answers before you create your account

Identity document

Document type	Biometric Residence Permit	
Document number	[REDACTED]	Change
Expiry date	31/12/2024	Change
Name	[REDACTED]	Change
Nationality	Andorra - AND	Change
Date of birth	06/05/2000	Change

Account security

We will send security codes to the following email or phone so you can sign in:

Email address	[REDACTED]
Phone number	[REDACTED]



**Now you have a UKVI account.
You will be asked to sign in using
your personal details.**

UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) account created

We have sent you an email to confirm you have created an account.

What you need to do next

You need to sign in to your UKVI account before you can view your eVisa.

We will ask you to confirm your identity using the 'UK Immigration: ID Check' app.

If you have a biometric residence permit (BRP) number, you will need to provide this if you have not already done so. If you do not know your BRP number, you can use a visa or immigration application number instead.

We will use these details to find a record of your immigration status. We will then link your eVisa to your account.

How to sign in to your UKVI account

You will need:

- your identity document number
- your date of birth
- access to your phone or email

We will send you a security code to your email or phone that will let you sign in.

[Sign in](#)



Your forms

Graduate

Your application has not been started.

[Start application](#)

If you no longer want to apply you can [delete this application](#).

After logging in, you will have an overview of your immigration applications. Click the green button to start your Graduate application.



Confirm your ID on the App

For identity check, you need to install a mobile app called 'UK Immigration: ID Check' on your phone.

Some phones have trouble running the app. You can ask a friend or family member for help, using their phone to complete this step if the app is compatible with their device.



Confirm your identity

The next questions will find out how you can confirm your identity.

Using the app

The quickest way to confirm your identity is on the 'UK Immigration: ID check' app.

To use the app, you will need:

- your identity document
- an iPhone 7 or newer, or an Android phone that can make contactless payments

You can use someone else's phone if you need to. The app can be deleted once your identity has been confirmed.

Going to a visa centre

If you cannot use the app, you may need to have your fingerprints and photo taken at a visa centre.

If you need to do this, you will be able to book your appointment later.

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Using the Mobile App

Run the app on your phone, scan the QR code from the application page. You will be sent a security code via phone or email to log into the app.

Confirm the document you've used for creating the UKVI account.

Take images of your document. For BRP, you need to scan the back side and then the front side of the card. You must have your documents at hand to complete this step.

You will scan the chip in your document using your phone.

You will scan your face.

You will take a facial photo, this will be your eVisa photo. You can take a selfie or ask someone else to take it for you.

Start your GIR Application

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Your location

Are you in the UK?

Yes No

When did you first arrive in the UK on your current visa?

[Check the date](#) by which you must have entered the UK to be eligible for this route

Enter the date in the format DD MM YYYY

Day Month Year

Save and continue

After the ID check is completed on the phone, return to your visa application page to complete the remaining sections.

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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

Save and continue





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Immigration adviser

Do you have an immigration adviser based in the UK?

Immigration advisers can advise you on matters relating to immigration and citizenship. For more information, click [here](#).

Yes No

[Save and continue](#)

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Check your answers

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

Only select 'yes' if you are being advised by a qualified immigration solicitor. If you are completing the application independently or have sought advice from St Mary's visa team, you should select 'no'



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Course

Have you successfully completed your course?

You must have received notification that you have passed your course

Yes No

Save and continue

You should only proceed if you have received an email from the visa team informing your course completion has been reported to the Home Office. Select 'yes' if this applies to you. Do NOT proceed if you have not been emailed.

Doctorate Extension Scheme

Have you previously been granted permission under the Doctorate Extension Scheme?

The Doctorate Extension Scheme operated as part of the Student route and gave students completing a PhD or other doctoral qualifications a non-extendible 12 months period of permission from the expected completion date of their course

Yes No

Save and continue

If you have not studied a PhD and been granted a one-year visa for work called Doctorate Extension Scheme (deactivated in 2021), select 'no'. If you have been granted this visa previously, you will not be eligible for a Graduate visa and should select 'yes'.

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[Redacted]'s telephone number

Provide your telephone number

Only include numbers, and for international numbers include the country 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.](#)

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

Save and continue

[Redacted]'s postal address

Provide your postal address

We may use this address to send sensitive personal information and important documents such as your [biometric residence permit](#). If we can't contact you by email, we will use this postal address. We may use this address for correspondence about your application and may use it to contact you about your immigration status after your application has been decided.

You must notify us immediately if your postal address changes. [Find out how to update your details here](#)

If you live in a flat and your flat number is not showing when using the postcode lookup, enter your address manually.

Enter a UK postcode

Find UK address

[Enter address manually](#)

Is this where you live?

Yes No

Save and continue

This question may change after eVisa fully replaces BRP cards.

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About this property

Select which option applies to your home:

- I own it
- I rent it
- Other

Save and continue

You will also be asked to list all the addresses you've lived at for the past 3 years.

Your sex and relationship status

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

- Male
- Female
- Unspecified

What is your relationship status?

[I am unsure of my current relationship status](#)

Save and continue



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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.

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

For example, 31 3 2020

Day Month Year

Save and continue

Your passport (██████████)

Do you have a valid passport?

Use your passport to complete this section. If you cannot supply your current and valid passport as part of your application, select No.

Yes No

Save and continue

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Your identity card ([REDACTED])

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

Save and continue

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Some countries issue ID cards for their citizens. If you are not sure whether you hold a national ID from your home country, check with your family members. If you select 'yes' to the question, you will then be required to provide details of the ID card.

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

Save and continue

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Immigration status

Do you have a Student visa?

Your current or last permission must have been as a Student. This could be entry clearance or permission to stay as a Student or T4 Student

Yes No

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

The CAS should be from your current or most recent course of study

Yes No

What is your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number?

For example, E5V1463ZL2X000

Save and continue

You can find your CAS number in the email from the visa team about your course completion and Graduate visa.

Eligible course

Did you study an eligible course?

- Your course is eligible if it was an undergraduate or postgraduate degree, a PhD, or it is on the [list of other eligible courses](#)

Yes No

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If you've completed an undergraduate, postgraduate, PhD, MPhil, MRes or PGCE course at St Mary's university, you have studied an eligible course.



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Track record of compliance

Did you study at a higher education provider with a track record of compliance?

If you are unsure, check if your university or college is listed as 'student sponsor-track record' on the [register of student sponsors](#).



Yes



No

Save and continue

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St Mary's University is a higher education provider with a track record of compliance. Select 'yes'.

Your biometric residence permit (BRP)

Have you ever had a biometric residence permit for the UK?

A biometric residence permit (BRP) is a card with your name, nationality and picture. It describes your entitlement to be in the UK.



Yes



No

Save and continue

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This question may change after eVisa fully replaces BRP cards.

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Providing your biometric residence permit (BRP)

Are you able to provide a biometric residence permit (BRP) card with this application?

Read guidance about [what a BRP is](#) and [see examples](#) of what they look like and where to find the BRP number.

- Yes
- No, I have lost my BRP or it has been stolen
- No, I have already sent my BRP to the Home Office
- No, I cannot provide a BRP

Save and continue

The question shown above may change when eVisa becomes exclusively in use as the proof of immigration permission.

Your National Insurance number

What is your current National Insurance number?

Example QQ 12 34 56 C

I do not have a National Insurance number

Save and continue

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If you have an NI number for tax purpose at employment, provide your number here. If you don't have one, tick the statement below the box, this should not affect this visa application.

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Driving licence

Do you have a UK driving licence?

Yes No

Save and continue

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World travel history

Have you been to any other countries in the past 5 years?

Do not include visits to the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland or the European Economic Area.

[Which countries are part of the European Economic Area \(EEA\)?](#)

Yes No

Save and continue

Declare your travel history. You need to list all trips (if any) made to the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland or EEA countries for the past 5 years. You are then required to provide travel dates and purposes for these visits. Following that, you must list all trips to any other countries for the past 5 years. Check your passport pages, flight and hotel bookings for accuracy. This tends to be the most time consuming section of the application.

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Immigration history

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

Yes No

Save and continue

You must declare any visa/entry refusals by the UK or any other countries. If choosing 'yes', you will be required to provide details. This may or may not affect your application depending on the nature of the issue.

Breach of UK immigration law

Have you ever:

- entered the UK illegally
- remained in the UK beyond the validity of your visa or permission to stay
- breached the conditions of your leave, for example, worked without permission or received public funds when you did not have permission
- given false information when applying for a visa, leave to enter, or leave to remain
- breached UK immigration law in any other way

Yes No

Save and continue





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Medical treatment in the UK

Have you ever been given medical treatment in the UK?

For example, if you visited a doctor, clinic or hospital, this counts as having medical treatment

Yes No

Save and continue

This includes any GP appointments and hospital visits

Public funds

Have you received any public funds (money) in the UK?

This includes benefits for people on low incomes, housing or child benefit
If you are applying from inside the UK, you only need to tell us about the public funds you have received since you were last granted permission

Yes No

Save and continue

Most Student visa holders do not have access to any public funds.

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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 out-of-court 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

You must tell us about spent as well as unspent convictions. You must tell us about any absolute or conditional discharges you have received for an offence.

Save and continue

All of the answers to these questions should be NO. If you have a criminal conviction you must disclose this information or your application will be refused.

War crimes

You must read all of the information on this page before answering.

[War crimes](#)

In either peace or war time have you ever been involved in, or suspected of involvement in, war crimes, crimes against humanity, or genocide?

- Yes No

I have read all of the information about war crimes, including the guidance

Save and continue



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Terrorist activities, organisations and views

You must read all of the information on this page before answering.

[Terrorist activities](#)

Have you ever been involved in, supported or encouraged terrorist activities in any country?

Yes No

[Terrorist organisations](#)

Have you ever been a member of, or given support to, an organisation which has been concerned in terrorism?

Yes No

Have you, by any means or medium, expressed views that justify or glorify terrorist violence or that may encourage others to commit terrorist or other serious criminal acts?

Yes No

I have read all of the information about terrorist activities, organisations and views, including the guidance

Save and continue

Extremist organisations and views

You must read all of the information on this page before answering.

[Extremist organisations](#)

Have you ever been a member of, or given support to, an organisation which is or has been concerned with extremism?

Yes No

[Extremist views](#)

Have you, by any means or medium, expressed any extremist views?

Yes No

I have read all of the information about extremist organisations and views, including the guidance

Save and continue

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Person of good character

Have you, as a part of your employment or otherwise, undertaken paid or unpaid activity on behalf of a non-UK government which you know to be dangerous to the interests or national security of the UK or its allies?

Yes No

Have you ever engaged in any other activities which might indicate that you may not be considered to be a person of good character?

Yes No

Is there any other information about your character or behaviour which you would like to make us aware of?

Yes No

Save and continue

Your employment history

Have you ever worked for any of the following types of organisation?

Include information for any paid or unpaid work. Select all that apply.

- Armed Forces (career)
- Armed Forces (compulsory national or military service)
- Government (including Public or Civil Administration and non-military compulsory national service)
- Intelligence services
- Security organisations (including police and private security services)
- Media organisations
- Judiciary (including work as a judge or magistrate)
- I have not worked in any of the jobs listed above

Save and continue

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Official financial sponsor

Have you received money from a financial sponsor?

For example, a government or international scholarship agency

If you have, in the 12 months before the date of application, been awarded a scholarship or sponsorship for study in the UK, you must provide written consent from that sponsor

Yes No

Save and continue

A private or governmental student loan does not usually count as an official financial sponsorship.

PGCE students receiving DfE teaching bursary should select 'no' here based on the Home Office's advice.

Check your answers

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



GIR Application

Check the list of documents needed for submission for your application.

You may be required to attend a physical appointment at a visa application centre in UK in person. If this is the case you will need to take your original documents with you after you have booked an appointment at the end of the application.

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:

The passport issued by [REDACTED]

Providing your documents

You must provide your documents after you submit your application, these can be originals or copies. **Any passports provided must be originals.**

You will be able to upload copies of your documents on our commercial partner's website, or you can take your documents to your biometrics appointment to be scanned and uploaded by our commercial partner for a fee. You'll be told how to book an appointment and upload your documents after you submit your application.

You do not need to send any physical documents to the Home Office or UK Visas & Immigration unless you are advised to do so.

Your application may be rejected if you do not provide all mandatory documents. If your application is rejected due to documents not being provided, it will not be considered and an administration fee for each person included in the application will be deducted from your refund.

Save and continue

Your application will check if you can use the 'UK Immigration: ID Check' app to verify and enrol your biometrics



If you can use the 'UK Immigration: ID Check' app you will not need to book or attend an in person Biometric appointment.

You will be able to upload/scan the required documents at the end of the application.

GIR Application

Conditions

If your application is successful, there will be conditions on your visa or leave to remain. This will include, for example, whether you are able to work in the UK.

If you stay in the UK without permission:

- You can be detained
- You can be prosecuted, fined and imprisoned
- You can be removed and banned from returning to the UK
- You will not be allowed to work
- You will not be able to rent a home in England
- You will not be able to claim any benefits and can be prosecuted if you try to
- You can be charged by the NHS for medical treatment
- You can be denied access to a bank account
- DVLA can prevent you from driving by taking away your driving licence

I confirm that I understand and accept these conditions

Save and continue

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Check your answers

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

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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 evidence

I understand that the data I have given can be used as set out in the [privacy policy](#).

I consent to organisations, including financial institutions, providing information to the Home Office when requested in relation to this application.

I have discussed with any other applicants that I am acting on behalf of, and confirmed that the contents of the application are correct and complete.

I agree to the [terms and conditions](#).

I understand that if false information is given, the application can be refused and I may be prosecuted, and, if I am the applicant, I may be banned from the UK.

I confirm that:

- I am the applicant aged 18 or over
- I am the applicant aged under 18
- I am the parent or legal guardian of the applicant who is aged under 18 and completing and submitting the form on their behalf
- I am submitting the form on behalf of the applicant

I accept the above



GIR Application

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

Application completed.

If you do not have dependants you do not need to add an applicant.

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Completed

Edit responses about this applicant

Additional applicant

To add another applicant, select their relationship to you.

I would like to add a:

Add this applicant

Continue



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Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS)

Add your Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) reference number

Pay the IHS fee

If you have not paid your IHS, you must do so before you can complete your visa application. You must pay using the external IHS website and then return to this site to complete your visa application. When you go to the IHS website, this application will be locked even if you do not pay your IHS straight away.

If you do wish to edit your answers before submitting this application, you must do so now through [Show and edit answers](#)

[Go to IHS website](#)

If you have already paid your IHS, you will have received this reference number via email. Your reference number will be 9 digits long and start with IHS, for example, IHS123456789.

Enter your IHS reference number

[I am exempt from paying IHS](#)

[Save and continue](#)

[Return to this application later](#)



Next Steps



Pay the IHS fee. Save the email containing your IHS payment reference.

Pay the visa application fee. Save the email containing your UAN (unique application number).

Upload/scan the required lists of evidence via the third party website UKVCAS.

You will be told whether you can use 'UK Immigration: ID Check' app to verify and enrol your biometrics. You may be required to attend a physical appointment at a visa application center in the UK if you cannot use the app.

Do not travel outside the Common Travel Area while the Home Office is processing your application, as this will cancel your ongoing application.

While you wait for a visa decision, your Student visa conditions continue to apply and your immigration status is protected. This means you can work more than 20 hours, [please refer to the St Mary's University web pages.](#)