

Guide to completing the online 'Student' visa application form to extend your student visa in the UK

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Introduction

This guide is for students who are completing their visa application from inside the UK for studying at a University in the UK.

It is very important to answer all the questions honestly and accurately according to your situation and personal circumstances. If you have additional information to explain a situation, you can create and upload a supporting letter to accompany your application form and other supporting documents.

There is also some guidance and further information within the form to help you understand the questions.

You can select Show and edit answers to review and amend any section you have already completed.

<u>Disclaimer</u>: This document was last updated in June 2023application format and how questions are phrased can be altered or changed by the UKVI at any time. This document should be used as a guide for understanding the application process, and it seeks to address any questions that are frequently asked by students applying for their student visa.

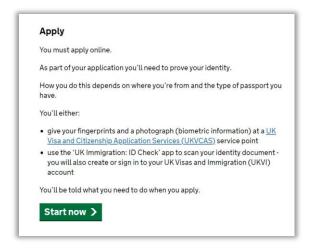


Application Form & Registering an account

To extend your Student visa, go to: www.gov.uk/student-visa/extend-your-visa

If your current visa is not a student visa and you want to switch to a Student visa, goto: www.gov.uk/student- visa/switch-to-this-visa

Once you have read the information on this page under the 'Apply' section, click the 'Start now' button (as shown below);



Are you intending to live in one of the Crown Dependencies of the United Kingdom? Answer NO to this question unless you are planning to live in Jersey, Guernsey or the Isle of Man.





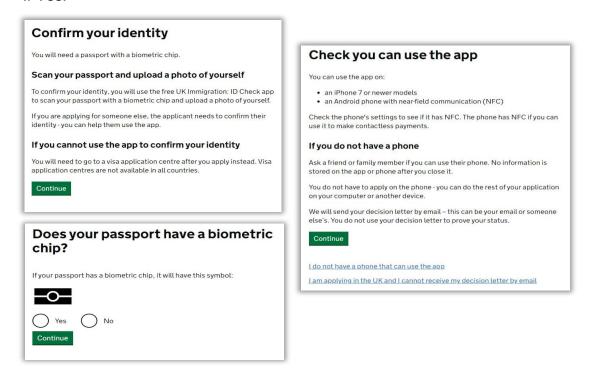
Do you have a current EU, EEA or Swiss passport?

Answer this question as applicable.



If you have a current EU, EEA or Swiss passport, you will be taken through a number of screens to identify if you can use the free UK Immigration: ID Check app to scan your passport with a biometric chip and upload a photo of yourself.

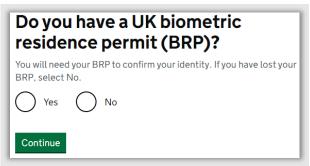
If Yes:



If No: You will need to book and attend an appointment at a UKVCAS centre to provide your biometrics.

If you do not have a current EU, EEA or Swiss passport **but** have a Biometric Residence Permit (BRP), you may be able to use the app. Otherwise, you will need to book and attend an appointment at a UKVCAS centre to provide your biometrics.





On the next page, read the information carefully.

When you are ready to begin your application, click 'Apply now'



1 Start

Your location

Are you currently in the UK?Select YES

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?

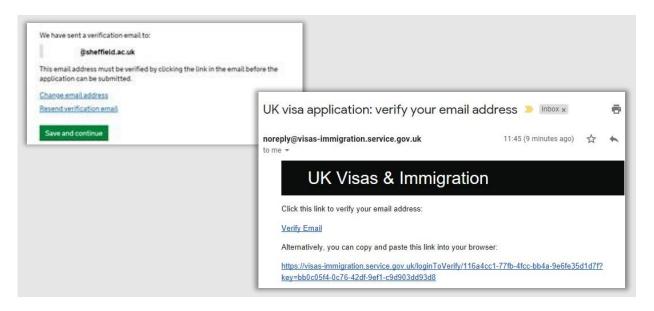
Unlessyou have submitted any other applications for leave to remain to the Home Office, which is currently pending or not decided yet, **NO**.

Register an email

Enter an email address and password so you can save your answers.

You should use an email address that you use and check regularly. Please create a secure and memorable password that you will be able to remember because you will need this to log back into your application.

You will be requested to verify your email address in order to continue your application. You will receive an email from noreply@visas-immigration.service.gov.uk. Click on Verify Email' and enter your password to continue your application.





After verifying your email, you will see the following confirmation on your screen.



Confirm that the email is yours by selecting 'The applicant' and clicking 'Save and continue'.



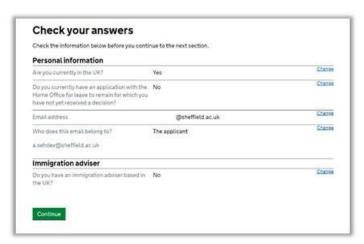
Immigration adviser

• Do you have an immigration adviser based in the UK? Select NO unless a solicitor or agent is helping you to complete the application form.



Check your answers

Check your answers on the next page and click 'Continue'.





2. Application

Select 'Answer questions about this applicant' to add information for your application.

Please answer all questions honestly and correctly according to your documents/situation. We have provided some commentary below to assist you in understanding the questions.

| Applicant(s) | |
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| Once the questions for the main a application, such as a family mem | applicant have been completed, you will be able to add additional applicants to this aber or dependant |
| Student | |
| The applicant | |
| Not started | |

Applicant(s)

Your name

Enter your name, as shown in your current passport or travel document. (Required)

Enter your name as shown in your passport. If your CAS does not reflect the same information as on your passport, you must get the CAS updated.

Please note that middle name (if you have one) should also be included. There is not a specific field to enter the middle name so you will need to include it in the *'Given names'* field.

Any other names

If you are known by any other names, please select YES and provide the details.

Contact email

Confirm that your email address can be used to contact you.

Telephone number

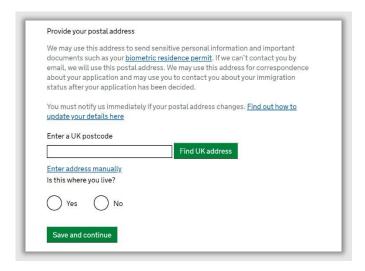
Please provide your contact number on which you can be contacted, preferably a UK contact number.



Postal address

Please provide the address you are living at. Your BRP will be sent to this address.

If you would prefer for your BRP to be sent to a different address, e.g. a friend's address, then provide your preferred address. You will then be asked to also provide your own address.



You will be asked if you own or rent the property where you live. If neither apply, select "other" and provide further information.

Previous address history

Provide details of the addresses you previously lived at, both in the UK or overseas.

Your sex and relationship status

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

Please enter the details as shown in your passport.

Your nationality, country and date of birth

- Country of nationality
- Country of birth
- Place of birth
- Date of birth

Please enter the details as shown in your passport.



Your passport

- Do you have a valid passport?
- Passport number
- Issuing authority (on your passport this could also be referred to as 'country of issue' or 'place of issue')
- Issue date
- Expiry date
- Confirm you can provide this passport

Use your current passport to complete this section and confirm that you can provide your passport.

Your identity card

- Do you have a valid national identity card?
- National identity card number
- Issuing authority
- Issue date (if applicable)
- Expiry date (if applicable)

Please provide the details if you have an identity card from your home country.

Please note that your identity card (if you have one) will not be required for the visa application. If you do not have your identity card or details with you then you can answer **NO** to this question.

Your other nationalities

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

Select **YES** if you hold any other nationality and provide information, as required.

Your current UK immigration status

Select **YES**, if you have Student immigration permission, Tier 4 immigration permission, or another type of valid immigration permission which allows you to apply in the UK.

Most students will have Tier 4 (General) or Student permission.

Your current visa or leave to remain

- What is the start date of your current visa or leave to remain?
- What is the end date of your current visa or leave to remain?

Write the start and end date from your BRP card, or vignette (sticker) in your passport if your permission is shorter than 6 months.



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 and before it was due to expire. You would have been informed by the Home Office. Select **NO** if you never had any of your visa(s) cancelled, revoked or curtailed by the Home Office.

Time in the UK

How long have you lived in the UK?

Please enter the number of years and months you have been in the UK in total.

You should enter the amount of time for which you have had valid and continuous visa/leave to remain in the UK. You do not need to exclude any short visits or travels outside the UK.

About your first parent

- What is this person's relationship to you?
- Title
- Given names
- Family name
- Date of birth
- Country of Nationality
- Have they always had the same nationality? Yes No Don't know

Complete the details using one of your parents' details. It does not matter which one you choose first.

If you do not know their details, click 'What if I do not have my parents' details?' It will give you a free text box where you can explain why you do not have their details.

About your second parent

Complete the details using one of your parents' details. It does not matter which one you choose first.

If you do not know their details, click 'What if I do not have my parents' details?' It will give you a free text box where you can explain why you do not have their details.



Biometric residence permit (BRP)

Do you have a biometric residence permit?

If you have a BRP, you should include your BRP number. You can locate your permit number on the top right corner of your BRP card.

If you had a BRP but it was lost / stolen, select "No, I had a biometric residence permit for my most recent leave, but I do not have it now".

If your most recent leave is in the form of a visa vignette in your passport, select "No, I did not have a biometric residence permit for my most recent leave".

Your National Insurance number

What is your current National Insurance Number?

You will have a <u>National Insurance Number</u> if you have been working in the UK. Please enter the number here if you have one; otherwise select 'I do not have a National Insurance number.'

Driving licence

Do you have a UK driving licence?

Select the appropriate option. If you have a UK driving licence, you will be asked to provide your licence number.



World travel history

Have you been to any other countries in the past 10 years?

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

Please select **YES** if you have been to any other countries in the past 10 years that are notUK, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland or the European Economic Area.

If you have answered yes, you will need to provide 'Details of your world travel history'.

Please complete this section correctly and include all your trips in the past 10 years from the date of your application. We understand that students often travel back to their home country multiple times during vacation periods. Over a few years this can amount to a large number of trips. If it is difficult to remember all the details, please declare the trips you can remember and add a note to say that there were several visits over the last few years to the same destination (home country).

Please note that you will need to select 'Other' for the 'Purpose of visit', which will activate a free text box for you to provide the explanation that you don't have full details of all the visits. You should also confirm the purpose of the visits in your explanation from what you can remember.

If you haven't been to any of the countries listed above then you can select NO

Previous evidence of English language ability

• Have you provided evidence of your English language ability in a previous application?

Please check your CAS to confirm how your English language level was assessed.



If your CAS shows the information shown above and has the following statement – "Migrant has met required English level in a previous successful visa application." – you can select **YES** to answer this question.

If your CAS says that your English language has been assessed in another way, select **NO** and answer the following questions according to your circumstances.

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

Please answer this section accurately and provide details as required. If you have not been subject to any of the actions listed above, select **NO**. If you select **YES**, you'll need to provide further information. **Please note that it is important to declare any previous visa refusals.** Failure to do this could lead to an unsuccessful visa application as well as a potential 10-year entry clearance ban.

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

Please answer this section accurately and provide details as required. If you have not been subject to any of the actions listed above then select **NO**.

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

 Were you told that you had to pay the hospital, clinic or doctor's surgery for your medical treatment?

This does not include the Immigration Health Surcharge

Please provide information about any medical treatment you have received in the UK and answer the questions that follow.

Provide as much detail as possible. It is understandable that you may not remember every treatment that you may have had or details of every visit to the GP.



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.

Please use the link <u>here</u> to find out what 'public funds' are. **NO** if you never accessed any public funds in the UK. If you have received public funds, select **YES**..

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

Please read this question carefully and answer accurately. If you are unsure whether your issue is defined as a 'conviction' or 'penalty' it is safer to declare it here, making it clear to UKVI that you are not trying to hide anything.

War crimes

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

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

Please answer this section accurately. There is guidance available in the section to help with understanding of war crimes.

Terrorist activities, organisations and views

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

- Have you ever been involved in, supported or encouraged terrorist activities in any country?
- Have you ever been a member of, or given support to, an organisation which has been concerned with terrorism?
- 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?

Please answer this section accurately. There is guidance available in the section to help with understanding of terrorist activities, organisations and views.

Extremist organisations and views



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

- Have you ever been a member of, or given support to, an organisation which is or has been concerned with extremism?
- Have you, by any means or medium, expressed any extremist views? Please answer this section accurately. There is guidance available in the section to help with understanding of extremist organisations and views.

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?
- Have you ever engaged in any other activities which might indicate that you may not be considered to be a person of good character?
- Is there any other information about your character or behaviour which you would like to make us aware of?

Please answer this section correctly. If you select YES for any of the questions, you will have to provide further details.

Your employment history

Please select all that apply. If none apply, select "I have not worked in any of the jobs listed above".



Sponsor licence number and address

What is your sponsor licence number?

Manchester Metropolitan University licence number is H38YWWYT2

Sponsor's address

Manchester Metropolitan University All Saints Campus All Saints Building Oxford road Manchester M15 6BH United Kingdom

Place of Study

What type of sponsor will you be studying with?

- Independent School
- Higher Education Provider
- Higher Education Provider
 with a track record of compliance
- Overseas Higher Education Provider
- Publicly Funded College
- Private Provider

| What type of sponsor will you be studying with? |
|---|
| The $\underline{\text{Register of Student sponsors}}$ sets out what type of sponsor each institution on the register is. A Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance will have the status 'General Student Sponsor – Track Record'. |
| Independent School |
| Higher Education Provider |
| Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance |
| Overseas Higher Education Provider |
| Publicly Funded College |
| Private Provider |
| ▶ What is the difference between a school and a higher education institution? |
| Save and continue |

Manchester Metropolitan University is a **Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance**.

Primary site of study

• Is this the site where the majority of your study will take place? Please check your CAS for the primary site of study and answer accordingly.

If the address is different from the one showing above (for instance, if you have a work placement), select NO and enter the address as stated on your CAS.



UCAS details

Did you apply for your course through UCAS?

Only answer **YES** if you applied for your course through <u>UCAS</u>. If you applied to the Manchester Metropolitan University directly, or through an agent, select **NO**.

If you applied through UCAS then your UCAS number will be stated on your CAS statement.

Please note that this question is not referring to your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS).

Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS)

- Do you need to obtain permission from the ATAS?
- What is your Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) reference number? This is the reference number on the ATAS clearance certificate issued to you by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

You can find out if you need an ATAS certificate on your CAS.

If your course requires <u>ATAS clearance</u>, include the details here, and upload your ATAS certificate with your supporting documents.

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?

Examples of an official financial sponsor include the UK Government or your home government, a university, or an international company or organisation. Examples of support may include a scholarship, internship, fellowship or training programme.

If you have an official financial sponsor (either a government or international scholarship agency) for your current course, or have received money from such an organisation in the last 12 months, you will need to provide their consent for you to make your visa application to stay in the UK.

If you have received a scholarship from the Manchester Metropolitan University, you can select **NO**.

Future official financial sponsor

 Will you be receiving money from an official financial sponsor for your continuing studies?

If you will be receiving money from an official financial sponsor for continuing your studies then select **YES**.

If you are extending your permission for a new course, which is fully or partly covered by the University scholarship, then select **YES**.



In the follow- question, select the appropriate option out of the following, as applicable.

- My Student sponsor has confirmed this information on my CAS
- Letter of official financial sponsorship
- I am not being wholly sponsored

Course information

USE YOUR CAS STATEMENT/LETTER

- Name of sponsor institution (school/college/university)
- Course name
- Qualification you will get

Please copy this information from your CAS. Course name / title and course level (RQF or NQF level) is listed on your CAS. Please note that RQF and NQF level are the same thing. SCQF refers to the equivalent Scottish qualification which is not used at the Manchester Metropolitan University.

Are you going to be a student union sabbatical officer?

Please select **NO** unless you are a student union sabbatical officer.

IMPORTANT – As you are applying for a visa to study at the Manchester Metropolitan University, it is very important that you **do not** choose the 'Postgraduate Doctor or Dentist' category here. It is a common mistake for, especially for PhD students, to choose this answer. This category is only for those who are sponsored by Health Education England and not the Manchester Metropolitan University.

If you do choose this category in error, you will then see a new question: "Are you going to be a Postgraduate Doctor or Dentist on a recognised foundation programme?". If you see this question, please go back and change your answer to the question above. The correct level of your course is stated on your CAS.

If you answer 'Yes' to this question, UKVI will process your application as a Postgraduate Doctor or Dentist application, and not a standard Student visa application. This lead to complications, and you may need to resubmit your application.

Course dates

- Course start date
- Course end date

Please copy this information from your CAS.

For continuing students, if there is a sponsor note confirming an **actual course start date** in the past then please use that as your course start date on the application form to make it clearer that the course duration is more than 12 months, if applicable.

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.

Only say **YES** here if you are staying at the University accommodation and have paid money to the Manchester Metropolitan University. Your CAS will also confirm if you have paid any fees for accommodation.

If you are staying in private accommodation, with family or in any other type of accommodation, select **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.

You can find this information on your CAS.

Please note that 'first year' only applies to students starting a new course. Continuing students should enter the fee for the current/next academic year as stated on the CAS.

Please be aware that if you have a scholarship or discount, you may have a reduced tuition fee. This will be confirmed on your CAS.

 Have you or your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) already paid any of your course fees?

Please select **NO** if your course does not have a fee, or if it does have a fee, but your CAS states you have not paid any of it.

Select **YES** if your CAS is showing any amount of tuition fee here as having been paid. You will then need to answer the following supplementary questions:

How much has been paid?

This is listed in the 'Course fees paid' field in your CAS statement.

How can you prove this amount has been paid?

You should select 'My sponsor has confirmed this information on my CAS'.

Student Loan

• Are any of the funds required for this application in the form of a student loan? If you are showing any maintenance funds in the form of a student loan then select **YES**, otherwise select **NO**.

Maintenance funds

Are all of the maintenance funds required for this application in a bank account with your



name on it?

If the money for the maintenance funds is held in your personal bank account then select **YES**. If you are financially sponsored for your studies by an 'official financial sponsor' then you can select **YES** for this question.

If you are relying on your parent(s)' or legal guardian(s)' funds, select **NO** and answer the questions that follow. If using your parent(s)' or legal guardian(s) bank statement, you will also need to provide a **consent letter** from your parent(s) and **proof of relationship** as evidence with your application.

Please note that you only need to provide financial documents with your visa application if you have been living legally in the UK for fewer than 12 months on the date you submit your visa application, unless you submit your visa application after your visa expires.

Where you have had absences from the UK in the 12 months before the date you submit your visa application, UKVI's guidance on the financial requirement suggests that you will still meet the requirement if you have only had holidays and short absences. UKVI list being absent from the UK for at least 3 months as an example of where you would not meet this requirement.

Your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies

Do you have a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number?
 Select YES and enter your CAS number here.

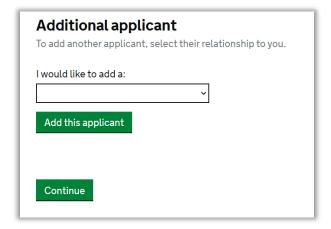
If you have a partner, you may now be asked for information about them.

Check your answers

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

Additional applicant

If you have any dependants (e.g. spouse, partner or child) already in the UK with you as your PBS Dependant then you can include them on your application, and complete their details. therwise click 'Continue' to progress with your application.



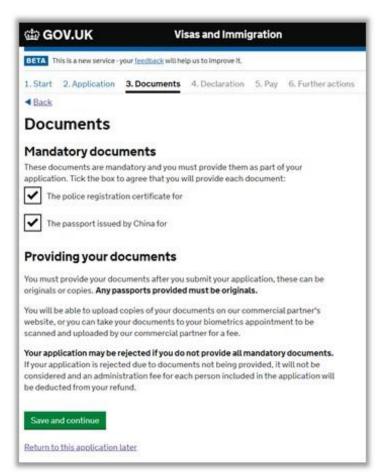


3. Documents

This section will list all the documents (Mandatory and others) you may have to provide with your visa application for it to be successful. Below is a quick snapshot of what will be on the page.

Please note that you will need to tick all the boxes to be able to progress further with your application even if some documents do not have to be submitted. For example, qualification documents or academic transcripts if you are a continuing student, financial documents if you are eligible under 'Differential Evidence Requirements'. If this applies to you then you might want to include a covering letter to state why you don't have to provide the documents listed in the checklist.

Select all the documents you will include with your application. You will upload the documents in the following steps.

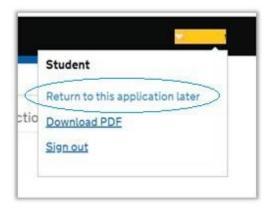




Saving your application

We would advise that you regularly save your application.

Please see screenshots below on how to save your application in order to return to it later.





4. Declaration

This section includes verification consent, information on the conditions of your student visa and finally a declaration for your application.

Verification Consent

On this page, you will need to download the 'declaration of consent for the Home Office' by clicking on the link available. Please read this document and complete the required sections as you will be required to upload this with your supporting documents.

You will need to tick \(\Bigcup 'I \) will provide a declaration signed by me to confirm my consent for the Home Office to request verification checks' to progress further.

| | ome Office will check that the information and supporting documentation |
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| | bank or utility company that you supply as part of this application is correct. |
| | ust download, sign and return the following declaration to confirm that you |
| conse | nt for the Home Office to request verification checks: |
| Decla | ration of consent for the Home Office to request verification checks |
| You sl | nould download and print this declaration now. A copy will also be available to |
| down | oad once you have paid for your application. |
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Conditions

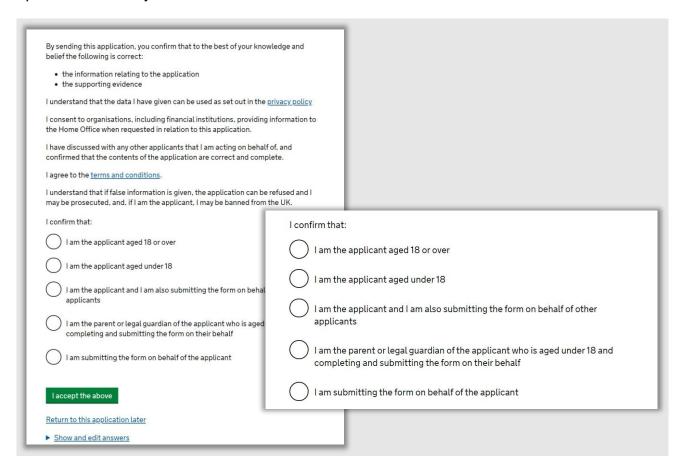
This page outlines the importance of having correct permission to stay in the UK and restrictions that may apply if you do not have the correct immigration

| | application is successful, there will be conditions on your visa or leave to |
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| remair | n. This will include, for example, whether you are able to work in the UK. |
| lf you : | stay in the UK without permission: |
| • Y | ou can be detained |
| • Y | ou can be prosecuted, fined and imprisoned |
| • Y | ou can be removed and banned from returning to the UK |
| • Y | ou will not be allowed to work |
| • Y | ou will not be able to rent a home |
| • Y | ou will not be able to claim any benefits and can be prosecuted if you try to |
| • Y | ou can be charged by the NHS for medical treatment |
| • Y | ou can be denied access to a bank account |
| • [] | VLA can prevent you from driving by taking away your driving licence |
| П | confirm that understand and accept these conditions |
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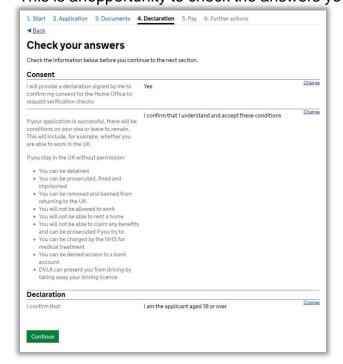
Declaration

You will then read and agree to the declaration, as shown below. Please select the correct option relevant to your circumstances.



Check your answers

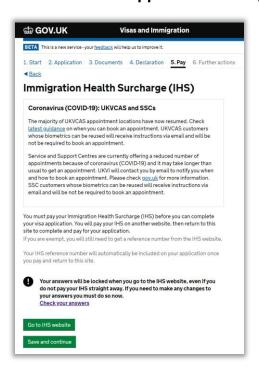
This is anopportunity to check the answers you have given and correct them if needed.





5. Pay

The next step will be to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge and pay the fee for your application. Once you have made the payments, you will be able to download your 'document checklist' and 'application form', which you should print.





6. Further actions



- On this page, you'll have the option to download your 'Document Checklist' and 'Application form'. You can upload your 'Document Checklist' as one of the documents to show proof of your application.
- Keep your log-in details safe.
- It is recommended to keep a copy of your application, document checklist and copy of the documents you have uploaded with your application.

Remember

You will keep your passport throughout the application process. If you leave the Common Travel Area (the UK, the Republic of Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man) and travel on the passport you used in your application before the Home Office makes a decision on your visa application, your application will be withdrawn. Your immigration health surcharge should be refunded, but your application fee will not be refunded. You will usually have to make another immigration application before returning to the UK.

You are therefore advised not to travel until you have received your new visa.