

# UK Student visas



UK Visas  
& Immigration



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# The UK's visa service

- **Our purpose:** to provide an effective regular immigration system for the UK.
- **Our vision:** We place our customers' needs at the centre of what we do, being adaptive, responsible and respectful at all times.
- **What we do:** We issue visas to enable customers to visit, work, study or join family in the UK.
- We have over **250** visa application centres around the world.
- We offer a priority visa service in nearly **190** countries.



# High volume visa routes



**Visit  
the UK**

Apply for your visitor visa and explore  
the best the UK has to offer!

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Find out more at  
[GOV.UK/standard-visitor](https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor)

The poster features a group of hikers with backpacks ascending a rocky mountain trail under a clear blue sky. A red banner at the bottom contains the GREAT logo and a QR code.

Visitor



**Work  
in the UK**

Apply for one of our work or investment visas  
and join other international professionals  
making their mark in the UK.

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[GOV.UK/browse/visas-immigration/work-visas](https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/work-visas)

The poster shows a young woman in a white lab coat and safety glasses, looking thoughtfully to the side in a laboratory setting. A red banner at the bottom contains the GREAT logo and a QR code.

Work



**Study  
in the UK**

From world-recognised universities to an innovative  
teaching approach and the leading minds who deliver  
it, the UK has what you need to reach your potential.

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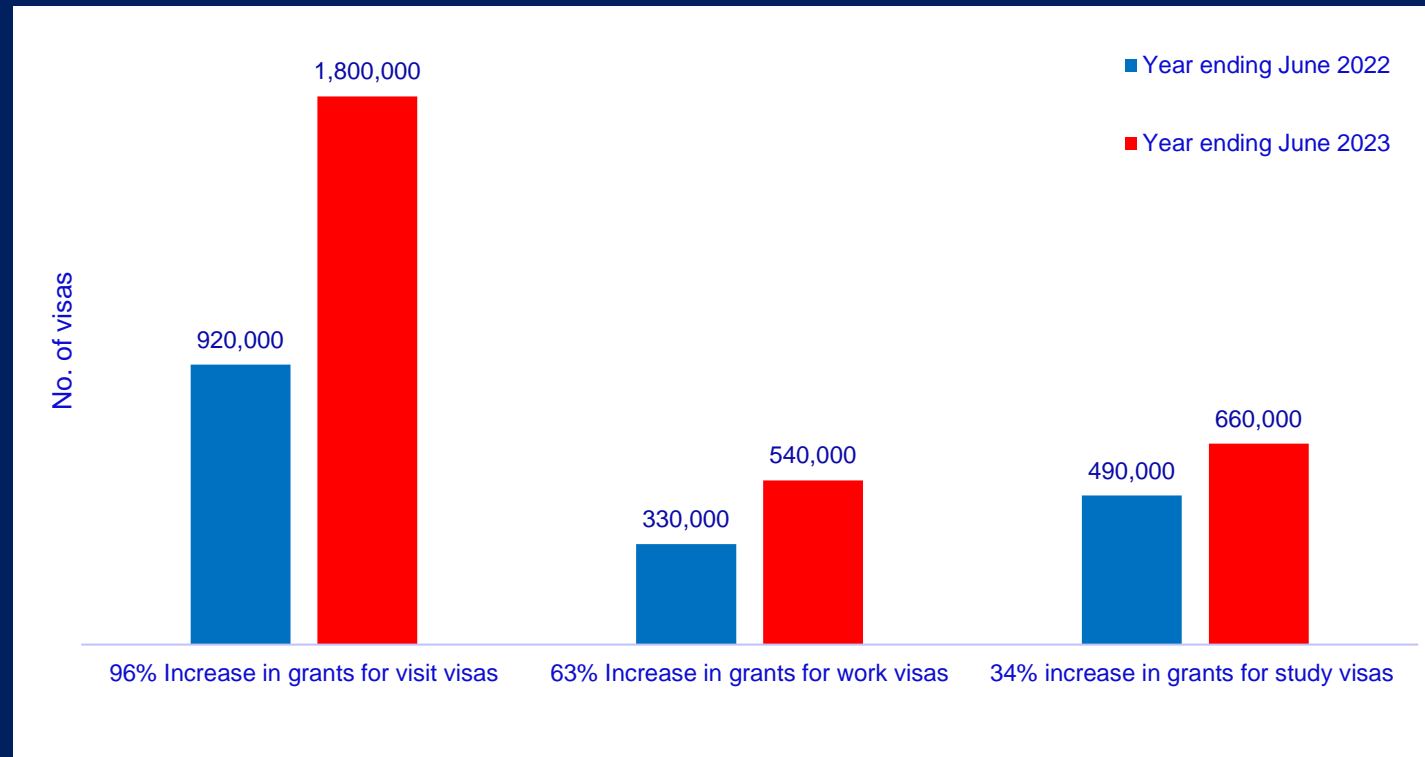
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[GOV.UK/student-visa](https://www.gov.uk/student-visa)

The poster depicts a young woman with glasses and an orange beanie, smiling while holding a stack of colorful books in a library. A red banner at the bottom contains the GREAT logo and a QR code.

Study

# Visa stats

There were over 3,000,000 UK visas granted globally in the year ending June 2023



\*Approx. figures. Includes dependants. Full data available here: [www.gov.uk/government/collections/immigration-statistics-quarterly-release](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immigration-statistics-quarterly-release)





# Different types of visa for studying in the UK

## Standard Visitor – Study

For people who intend to study in the UK for less than 6 months, please visit below link for more info.

<https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor/visit-to-study>

## Short-term Study

For people who intend to study in the UK for 6 – 11 months, please visit below link for more info.

<https://www.gov.uk/visa-to-study-english>

## Student

At least 16 years old  
Study on a further or higher education course in the UK

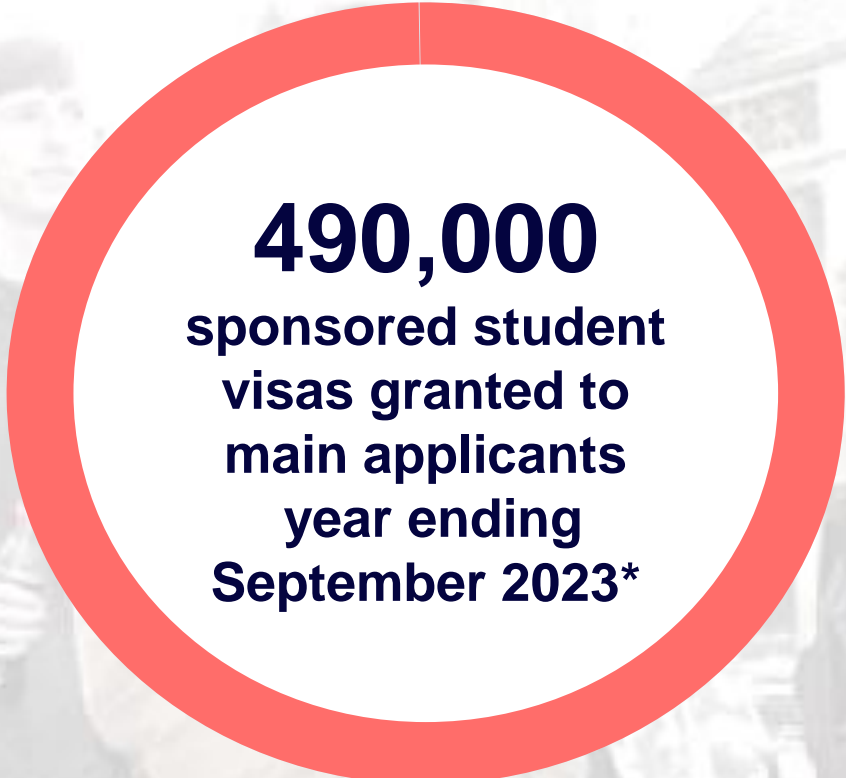
<https://www.gov.uk/student-visa>

## Child Student

Child Student Under 18  
Study at an independent school with a licenced Child Student sponsor.

<https://www.gov.uk/child-study-visa>

# Student visa stats



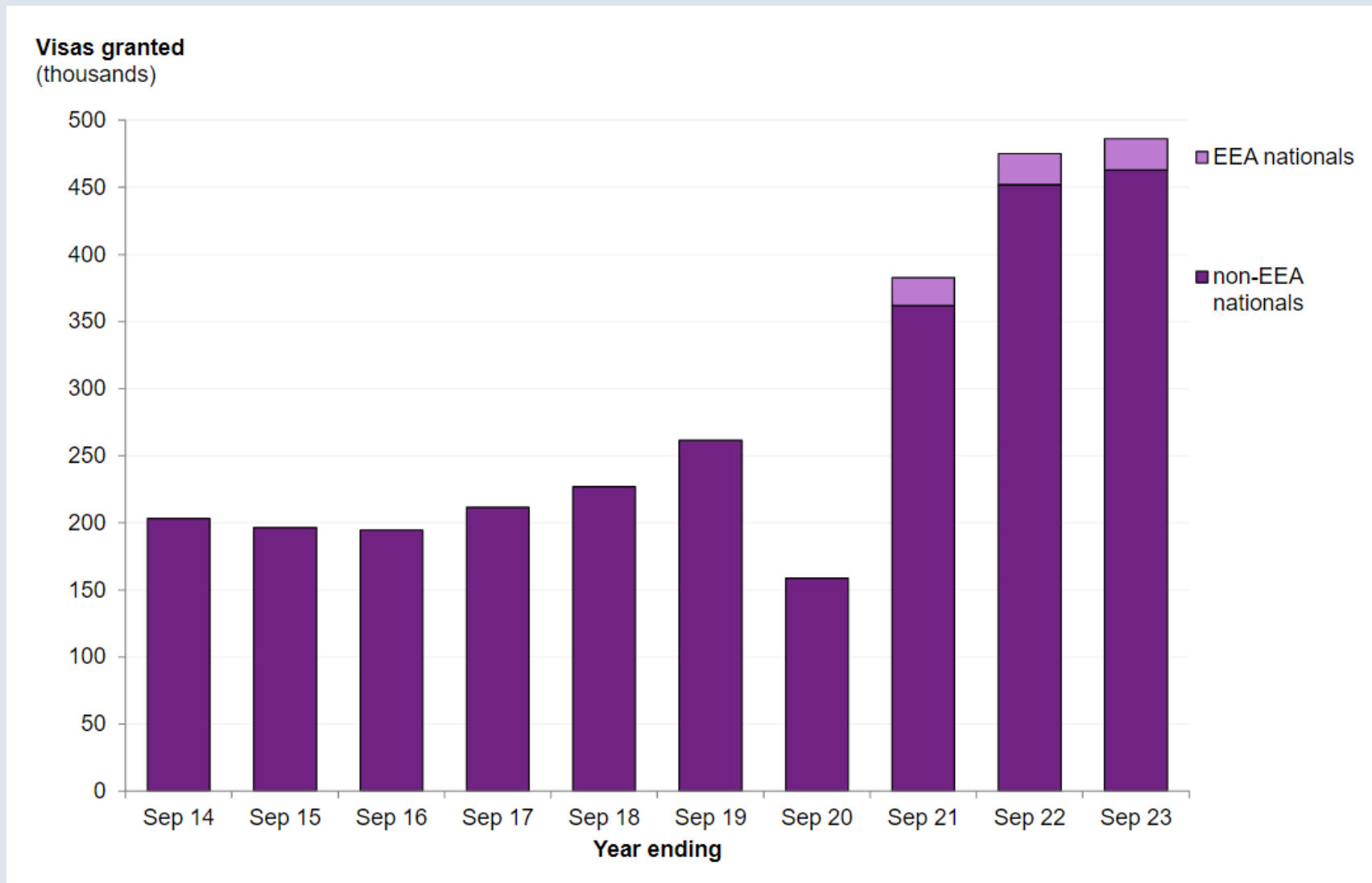
**490,000**  
sponsored student  
visas granted to  
main applicants  
year ending  
September 2023\*

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# Immigration Statistics

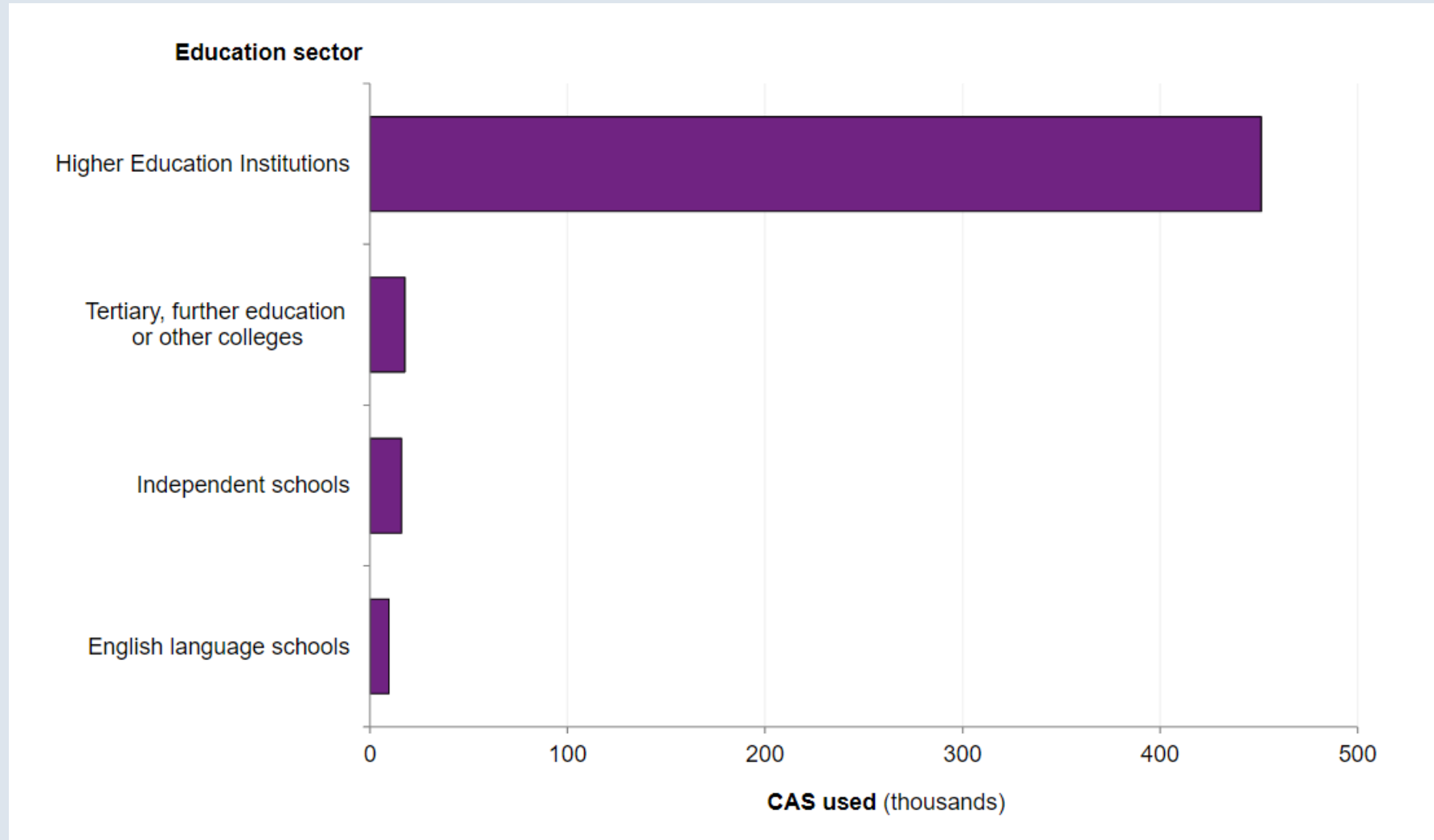
Sponsored study visa granted to main applicant globally





# Immigration Statistics

CAS used for Sponsored Study Year Ending September 2023

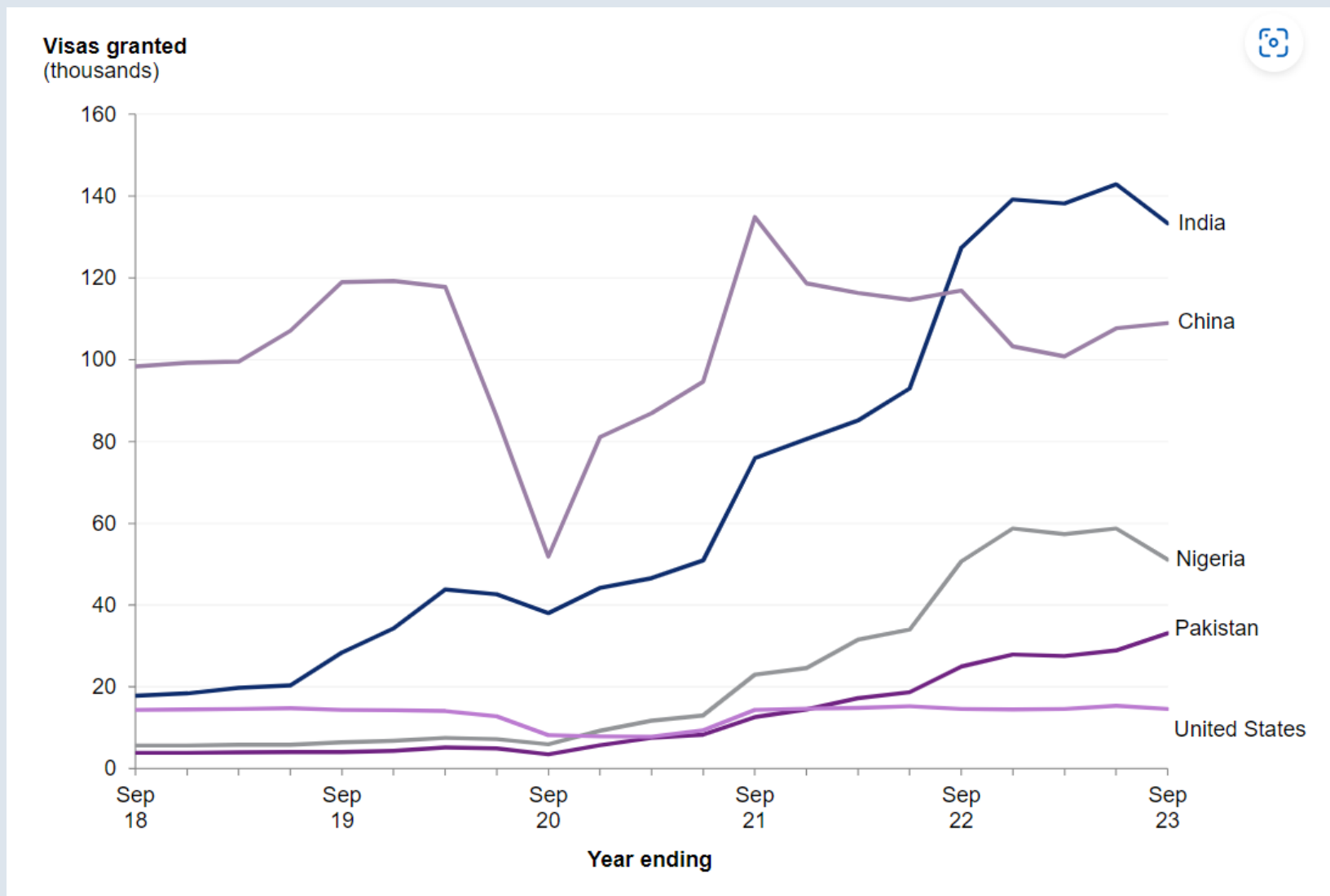






# Immigration Statistics

## Top 5 Countries Sponsored Study Visa Granted to main applicants





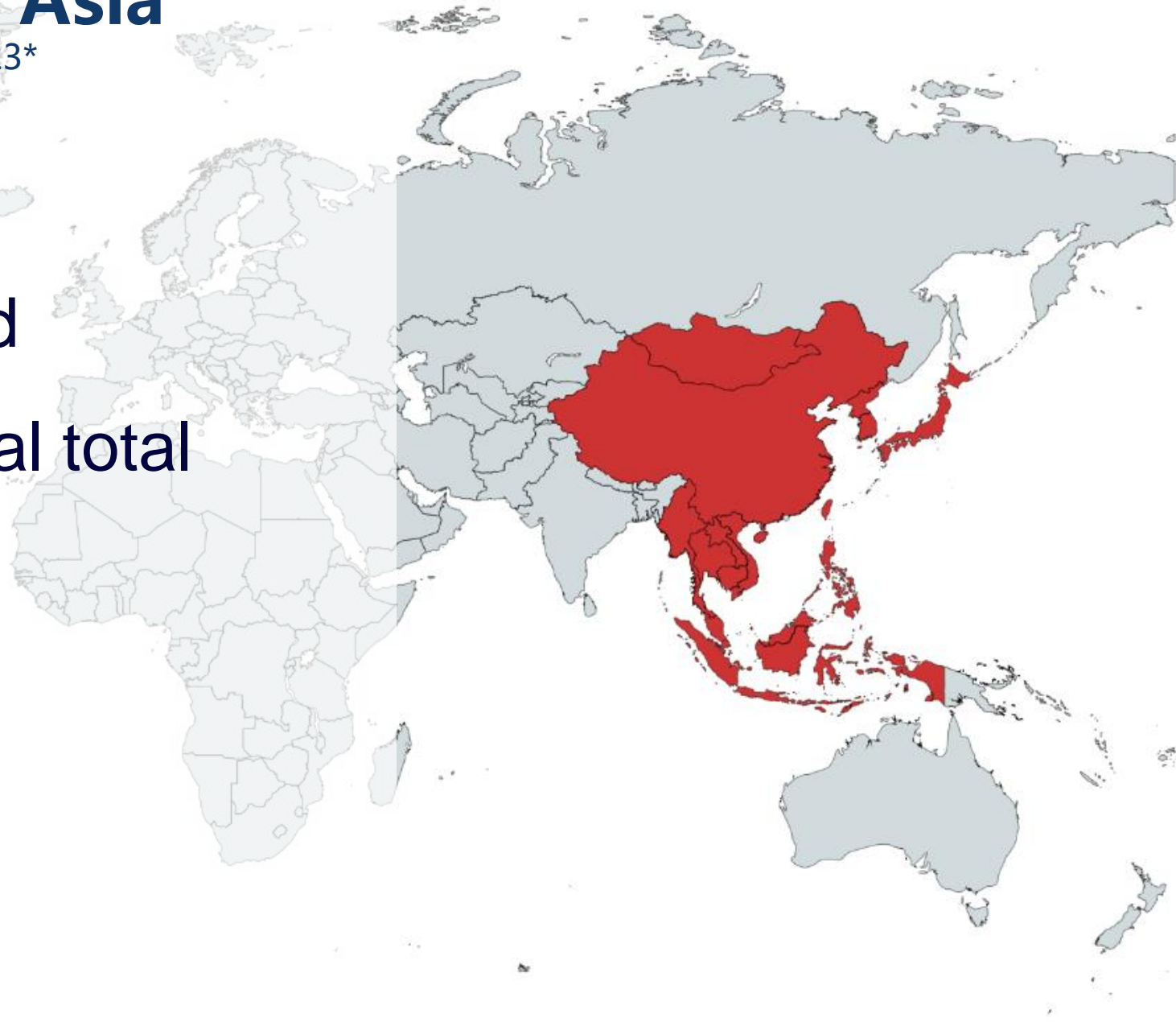
# East Asia & South East Asia

Sponsored Student Year Ending September 2023\*

**146,000** visas granted

Around **30%** of the global total

**99.44%** issue rate



# Do you need a Student visa?

**British citizen**

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**No**

**EU citizen**

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**Yes**

(this includes EU, EEA and Swiss citizens)

**Other citizens**

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**Yes**



# Who can apply?

**You can apply for a UK Student visa if you are 16 or over and:**

- Have an offer from an approved education institution.
- Can speak, read, write and understand English.
- Have enough money to pay for your course and support yourself.
- Have consent from your parents if you are under 18.

**If you are between 4 and 17 years old and you want to study at an independent school in the UK, you may be eligible for a [Child Student visa](#) instead.**





# Before you apply

- Identify and apply for your course
- Check your education provider is a licensed student sponsor
- Your education provider will send you a reference number called a Confirmation of Acceptance of Study (CAS), once they've offered you a place on a course. You need this before you can apply for a visa.
- Check Gov.uk for the documents you need to prepare for your visa application
- Apply for your visa as soon as you have received your CAS number and have your documents ready

# Documents required



## You must provide:

- Current passport or travel document
- CAS reference number

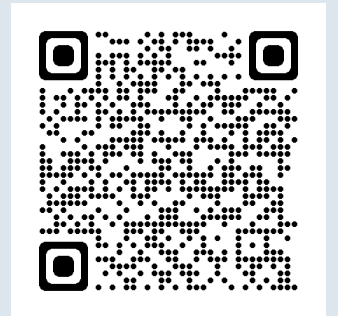


## You may also need to provide:

- Proof of finances
- Proof of your knowledge of English
- Birth certificate and parental consent letter if under 18
- Tuberculosis test results (if required)
- ATAS certificate (if required by course)



Supplying the right documents will help avoid delays to the decision making process



[www.gov.uk/student-visa/documents-you-must-provide](https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/documents-you-must-provide)

# Funds

You need enough money to pay for your course and support yourself in the UK.

You may need to provide evidence that you have enough money to cover your living costs – how much depends on where you will be studying:

- London - £1,334 for each month of the course (max 9 months)
- Rest of the UK - £1,023 for each month of the course (max 9 months)

You can prove you have enough money through:

- ✓ Cash in a savings account - in student or parent/guardian's name
- ✓ Student loan
- ✓ Official financial or government sponsorship or grant

Funds must have been held for at least 28 consecutive days prior to submitting your application.

# Funds

## You may not need to prove you have money to support yourself if:

- you've had a UK visa for 12 months prior to the date of your Student visa application – you must currently be in the UK
- you're applying as a student union sabbatical officer
- you're applying as a postgraduate doctor or dentist on a recognised foundation programme

## Differential evidence requirement

You do not need to prove you have enough money to support yourself if you are a British National (Overseas) ((BN(O)) or from one of the countries or territories listed under the 'differential evidence requirement'. However you do need to have enough funds to make an application.

For more information see [www.gov.uk/student-visa/money](https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/money)





# How to apply

Check if you need a UK visa and how to apply here:

[www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/what-you-need-to-do](https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/what-you-need-to-do)

A screenshot of the GOV.UK website. The page title is "What you need to do". The breadcrumb trail shows "Home > Visas and immigration". The main heading is "What you need to do". Below this, there is a sub-heading "If you're coming to the UK" followed by several links: "Check if you need a UK visa", "How to apply for a visa to come to the UK", "Pay for UK healthcare as part of your immigration application", and "Tuberculosis tests for visa applicants". Below this is another sub-heading "To manage your application" followed by links: "Visa fees", "Get a faster decision on your visa or settlement application", "How to sign in to continue your visa application", "Get your visa, immigration or citizenship documents back", "Cancel your visa, immigration or citizenship application", and "Contact UK Visas and Immigration for help".

**GOV.UK** Menu Search

Home > Visas and immigration

## What you need to do

Check if you need a UK visa, how to apply, sign in, manage your application, biometric residence permits (BRPs), share codes

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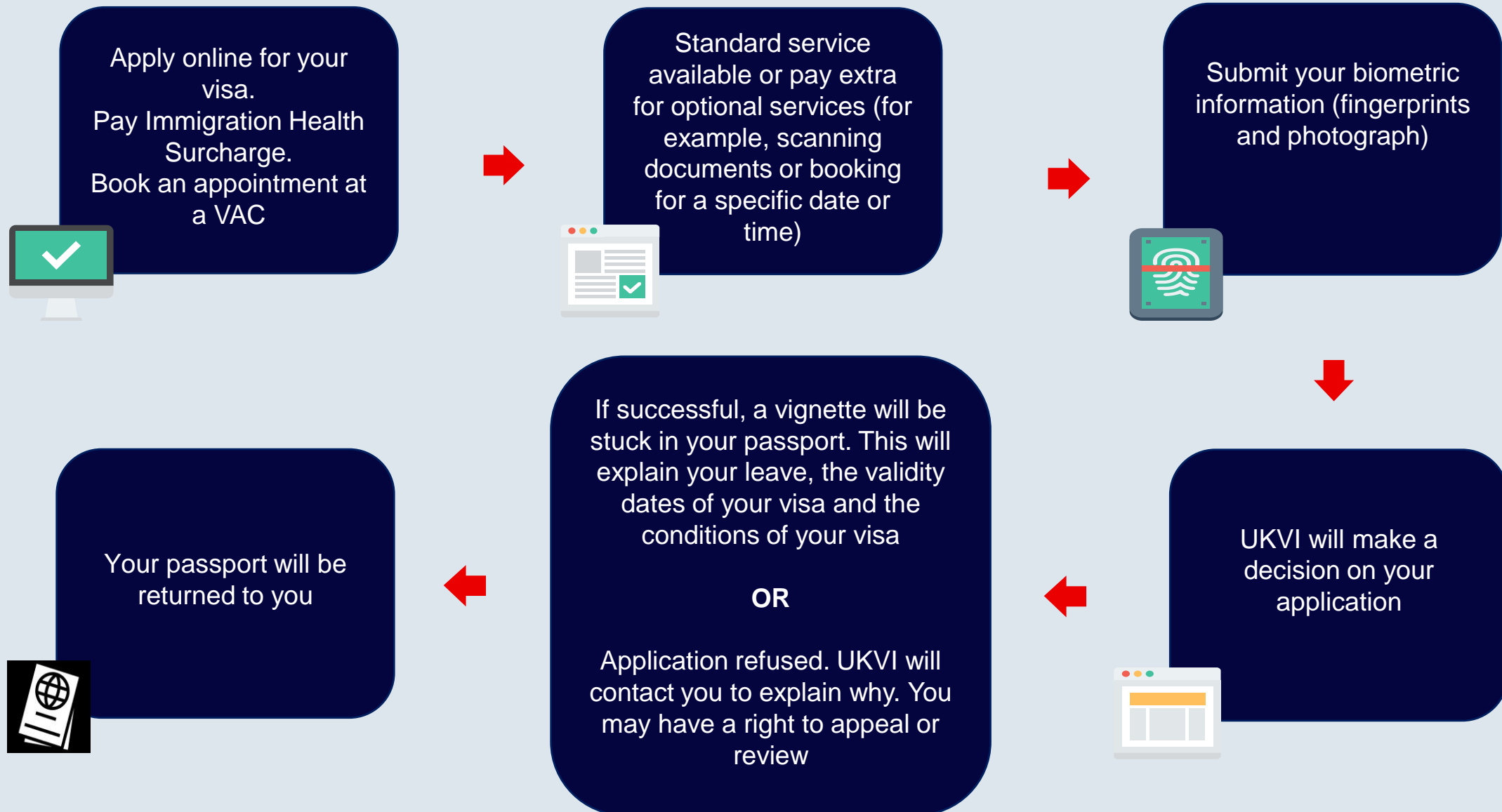
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# Visa application process – prove your identity at a Visa Application Centre (VAC)



# Biometric residence permit (BRP)

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- You'll usually get a BRP if you:
  - apply to come to the UK for longer than 6 months
  - extend your visa to longer than 6 months
  - apply to settle in the UK
  - [transfer your visa to a new passport](#)
  - apply for certain [Home Office travel documents](#)



- Your BRP will include information about your identity, your biometrics, your immigration status and conditions.
- You must collect your BRP within 10 days of arrival in the UK or before your vignette expires.

More info on BRPs: [www.gov.uk/biometric-residence-permits](https://www.gov.uk/biometric-residence-permits)



## Processing times (from outside the UK)

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- UKVI starts processing your application once you submit your application (including biometrics) on the [UK Immigration: ID Check app](#) or at a [VAC](#).
- Processing times usually take up to **3 weeks**
- You may be able to pay to get a faster decision on your application.
  - within **5 working days** ('**Priority Visa service**')
  - by the end of the **next working day** ('**Super Priority Visa service**')
- Applications [may take longer to process](#), some reasons for this may include:
  - the information in your application is not accurate or requires further consideration
  - you need to provide further evidence, for example evidence of funds





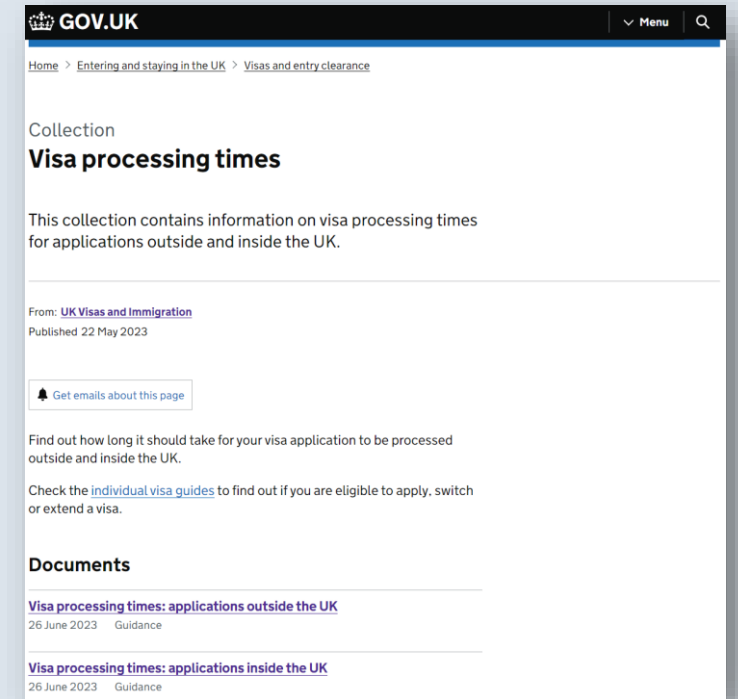
# Processing times (from outside the UK)

UKVI will contact you once a [decision has been made on your application](#).

You do not need to contact UKVI to track your application if you've already made a visa application and it is still within current processing times.

Find out more:

[www.gov.uk/guidance/visa-processing-times-applications-outside-the-uk](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/visa-processing-times-applications-outside-the-uk)



The screenshot shows the GOV.UK website interface. At the top, the GOV.UK logo is on the left, and a 'Menu' button and search icon are on the right. Below the logo, the breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > Entering and staying in the UK > Visas and entry clearance'. The main heading is 'Collection Visa processing times'. Below this, a paragraph states: 'This collection contains information on visa processing times for applications outside and inside the UK.' Further down, it says 'From: UK Visas and Immigration' and 'Published 22 May 2023'. There is a button that says 'Get emails about this page'. Below that, a paragraph reads: 'Find out how long it should take for your visa application to be processed outside and inside the UK.' Another paragraph says: 'Check the individual visa guides to find out if you are eligible to apply, switch or extend a visa.' Under the heading 'Documents', there are two entries: 'Visa processing times: applications outside the UK' (dated 26 June 2023, Guidance) and 'Visa processing times: applications inside the UK' (dated 26 June 2023, Guidance).



# Application tips

- Once a CAS has been issued, apply for your visa as soon as possible to avoid busy periods/delays
- Check that your CAS is for the correct visa
- Include all necessary documents
- Include official translations of your documents
- Include a supporting letter to explain any gaps in your study – for example, periods of employment
- Disclose your full travel history – including visas refused
- Disclose any forms of criminality – including minor offences
- Include your birth certificate and parental consent letter if under 18
- If you are using the UK Immigration: ID Check app - after you have paid for your application, make sure you confirm you have submitted your documents. Your application can't be processed if you miss this step

# Travel to the UK

You can travel to the UK before your course starts:

- Up to 1 week before if course lasts 6 months or less
- Up to 1 month before if course lasts more than 6 months



You must not travel to the UK before the start date given on your visa



# Useful links & QR codes

<b>UK Immigration: ID Check app</b>	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-uk-immigration-id-check-app">www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-uk-immigration-id-check-app</a>	
<b>View and prove your immigration status</b>	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status">www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status</a>	
<b>Biometric Residence Permit</b>	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/biometric-residence-permits">www.gov.uk/biometric-residence-permits</a>	
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<b>VFS.Global</b>	<a href="https://www.vfsglobal.com/en/individuals/index.html">www.vfsglobal.com/en/individuals/index.html</a>	
<b>TLSContact</b>	<a href="https://www.tlscontact.com/en/">www.tlscontact.com/en/</a>	



# Graduate Visa



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# Graduate visa

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- Opportunity to work in the UK for 2 years (bachelor/master degree graduates) or 3 years (PHD graduates)
- No sponsorship required

## Eligibility

- Education provider has told Home Office you have successfully completed an eligible course
- Graduated from an approved institution
- Must apply in UK - before student visa expires
- Pay application fee plus Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS)

# Graduate visa application process



# Changes to student visa route





- ❖ Limit the right to bring dependants on the student route other than those on postgraduate research programmes;
- ❖ Remove the ability to switch out of student routes into work routes before successful completion of studies and review the maintenance requirements.

The changes are effective and will apply to students starting courses in January 2024.

- ❖ Short-term study route now allows the applicant to use financial evidence of parents or legal guardian to support their application.



# Useful links & QR codes

<b>Student visa information</b>	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/student-visa">www.gov.uk/student-visa</a>	
<b>Graduate visa information</b>	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/graduate-visa">www.gov.uk/graduate-visa</a>	
<b>Documents required</b>	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/documents-you-must-provide">www.gov.uk/student-visa/documents-you-must-provide</a>	
<b>Funds</b>	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/money">www.gov.uk/student-visa/money</a>	



# Contact UKVI

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If you require further information or have any queries, you can contact UKVI online or by phone:

[www.gov.uk/contact-ukvi-inside-outside-uk](https://www.gov.uk/contact-ukvi-inside-outside-uk)





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[gov.uk/guidance/visa-...](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/visa-...)

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**Thank you**