

UK Visa Information 2025

The information on this page is for guidance only. If you are unsure about your visa status, or for the most up-to-date information, please contact your local embassy or visit the [UK Government website](#).

DO YOU NEED A VISA TO STUDY IN THE UK?

NON-VISA NATIONAL

If you are a **'Non-Visa National'** (such as all EU/EEA countries, Argentina, Brazil, Japan, Korea, Taiwan) you can enter the UK with a 'Visitor Visa'. This is issued on arrival, and you can stay and study for up to 6 months. At arrival, you can enter through the e-gates and do not need to speak to immigration staff. There will be no stamp in your passport. If you want to study for more than 6 months you will need to apply for either a Short-term Study visa or a Student Visa before you travel – see details below.

You will need an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) before you travel to the UK. Information [here](#).

VISA NATIONAL

If you are a **'Visa National'** (such as from China, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, UAE, Ukraine) you always need to apply for a visa before you travel. If your course is less than 6 months you can enter and study with a 'Visitor Visa'. If you want to study for more than 6 months you can apply for a 'Short-Term Study visa' (up to 11 months).

See a full list of countries [here](#).

VISA TYPES

VISITOR VISA

A Visitor Visa allows you to:

- Study on a short course (including English language courses) for up to 6 months at an accredited school.
- Stay in the UK for up to 6 months

This is the most suitable visa for many of our students.

For under 18-year-olds this is known as a Child Visitor Visa.

SHORT-TERM STUDY VISA

Frances King School of English is accredited by Accreditation UK which means we can support an application for a Short-term Study Visa.

A Short-Term Study visa allows those over 16 years old to:

- Study on an English language course for up to 11 months at an accredited school
- Stay in the UK for the length of the course plus 30 days

You can apply for a short-term study visa up to 3 months before your date of travel and should get a decision within 3 weeks of application. Check the [gov.uk](#) visa processing times for more information.

To apply for this visa, you must provide proof:

- of acceptance onto a course
- that you have enough money for your stay
- that you have money for your return journey

If you are under 18 years old, you also need to show:

- you have booked your travel and accommodation
- you have permission from your parent or guardian

You can find details about eligibility for this visa and the documents you need to provide [here](#).

To apply online for this visa, visit the [UK Government website](#).

STUDENT VISA (TIER 4)

Frances King does not support applications for this visa type.

OTHER VISAS

It is also possible to study on some other visa types, for example:

- Tier 1 – Investor / Entrepreneur visa
- Tier 2 – General work visa
- Tier 5 – Youth mobility visa

Students from Australia, Canada, New Zealand & South Korea (aged 18-35) or Andorra, Iceland, Japan, Monaco, San Marino, Uruguay, Hong Kong & Taiwan (aged 18-30) may be eligible.

More information [here](#).

- Diplomatic visa
- Some Dependent visas

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A VISA?

You can check whether you need a visa on the www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa website.

You can find out how to apply for a UK visa on the UK government website at www.gov.uk/apply-uk-visa.