This guide is for students applying to come to the UK to study with the University of Manchester on a Student route visa and will help with completing the online overseas Student visa application form.

Please use this guide in addition to the information on our Student Support website, which includes detailed guidance on both the application process and the supporting documentation you will need to submit along with the online form.

You must check that you have all the necessary supporting documents and that these all meet the Student route’s requirements before completing the online application form. You also must have received a Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS) from the University before you can apply for a Student visa. If you are applying to start a brand new course, then your school or department admissions team will create your CAS. If you are already a student at Manchester and require a new CAS due to a course extension, transfer or to return from an interruption, your CAS will be created by the Student Immigration Team.

If you are an offer holder, you will be asked to review a ‘draft CAS’ in MyManchester and confirm what changes, if any, need to be made before it is formally issued to you. Continuing students are not required to do this.

The final version of your CAS statement, which includes the CAS number you will need for your visa application, will then be emailed to your university email address. You may wish to save your CAS as a PDF if it is helpful to you. However, we do not issue CAS to students in this format.

Where to apply from?

You can apply for your Student route visa from either a country you are a national of, or a country where you are currently living. Within the context of your visa application, "living" somewhere means you are there lawfully for a reason other than for a short-term visit (e.g. tourism or visiting family). You cannot normally apply in a country where you are only visiting.

If you are currently in the UK and need or plan to apply from overseas then you must ensure that you only submit your application form once you are outside of the UK and have returned to your home country. You must not complete and pay for an overseas visa application from inside the UK.

You also cannot enter the UK as a visitor, either with or without a visa, and then apply for your Student visa. Again, you must ensure you submit your Student visa application from overseas and only travel to the UK once you have obtained your Student visa.
When to apply?

When applying from outside of the UK, you cannot apply for your visa any earlier than six months before your course start date as stated on your CAS. However, unless there are exceptional circumstances which require you to apply that early, your CAS will likely only be issued three or four months before your course start date. Your CAS number is valid to use to make a visa application for six months, but you must ensure that you use your CAS to apply before the latest acceptance date on your CAS.

Note on Supporting Documentation

If the course you are coming for is at degree level or above, you should not need to provide evidence of the qualification(s) listed on your CAS as the basis of your course offer. The Home Office now relies on Higher Education Providers like The University of Manchester to assess applicants’ academic ability.

Nationals of some countries also do not need to provide evidence of their money when they apply for a Student route visa. UKVI refers to this at the 'differentiation arrangement'.

The full list of nationalities covered by this arrangement are listed on UKVI’s website. If you are a national of one of the countries listed, your application should be subject to different documentary documents and you should not need to submit financial evidence as part of your initial application submission as a result. If you hold a passport for more than one country, you can benefit from this arrangement as long as one of your nationalities is included on the list.

It is very important that you still obtain evidence of your finances even though you do not need to initially submit them. This is because UKVI can still request this evidence as part of their decision process and your application could be refused if you are not able to provide the specified documents within the requested time period.

You will also still need to provide any other required documents, such as ATAS or a TB certificate.
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Creating an Account

You create your online Student visa application form through the UK Visas & Immigration (UKVI) website: https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/apply

You will need to click ‘Start Now’ beneath the Apply outside the UK section and answer a few initial questions before you will start filling in the application form.

Are you intending to live in one of the Crown Dependencies of the United Kingdom? Answer ‘no’ to this question.

Do you have a current EU, EEA or Swiss passport? If you have an EU, EEA or Swiss passport with a biometric chip (เค) you will be asked to use the free UK Immigration: ID Check mobile app to scan your passport to confirm your identity and avoid the need to book and attend an appointment to have your fingerprints and photo taken. If you have not already made one, you will need to create a UKVI account in order to use this service.

If you don’t have an EU, EEA or Swiss passport, have one without a biometric chip or cannot use the app then you can continue to proceed with the application as set out below.

Select your language
You can choose to view the application form in a different language but the answers you provide must be in English.

Confirm your visa type
Choose ‘Student’ as your visa type from the list.

Select a country to provide your biometrics
Choose the country in which you intend to apply from and attend your visa appointment. The form will then allow you to check the list of available application centres in that country and you will need to confirm that you are able to travel to one.

If your country does not have a visa centre then the form will provide you with an alternative location you can choose to use instead.

**NOTE**: If you are applying with dependants, you cannot add them to this application. You will instead need to complete a separate form for each of them once you have applied: https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/family-members.
Register your email
Enter your email address and create a password for the visa application. You will then receive an email which includes a web link for you to access your visa application in the future. You should use a personal email account that you use and check regularly.

From this point on, you can use the menu in the top right corner to save your application and return to it later. You can also use this menu to download a PDF copy of your form.

Contacting you by email

Completing the Application Form

Contact details
You will need to confirm your e-mail and telephone contact details.

Sponsor
Do you have a Marshall, Chevening or commonwealth scholarship? If you are in receipt of financial sponsorship from any of the above then you should confirm this here.

Do you have a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number? You must have received a CAS from the University before you can apply for a Student visa. You should answer ‘yes’ to this question and provide your CAS number if you have already received your CAS. If you are still waiting to receive your CAS to start a new course then you should contact the admissions administrator for your Faculty, School, or Department.

Personal information
Your name
Enter your given and family names exactly as they appear on your passport. You must include middle names with your given name(s). For some applicants, your name may appear in a different order on your CAS to your passport. This should not be a problem though. You should provide your family name accordingly and then all other names under given name(s).

If you only have one name, click ‘I do not have a current passport or travel document’ then ‘I do not have both a given and family name’ and then you can enter one name. (This is currently the only way to proceed for single name applicants who do not have both a given and family name).
Any other names
Answer ‘yes’ if you have ever had any other names, for instance if you changed your name after getting married.

Gender and relationship status
Provide your gender as stated on your passport or travel document and confirm your current relationship status.

Your home address
This is your current overseas address.

Living at your home address
You must enter the duration of time you have lived at your current address in days/weeks/months/years and confirm the type of ownership. If you have lived there for less than two years then you will be asked to provide the details of any additional addresses you have lived at in the past two years.

Passport details
Your passport
Use your passport to enter this information carefully. Check your passport number has been entered correctly before progressing. If you hold more than one passport, you must enter the details of the passport that matches your CAS and which you intend to use to enter the UK.

National identity card
Some countries issue identity cards, which are separate from a passport or visa. If you have a national identity card please include the number of this along with the issuing authority and its issue and expiry dates. If you do not have one simply answer ‘no’

Your nationality, date and country of birth
You should provide your nationality, as well as your country and place of birth as shown on your passport. If you are a national of more than one country you will be able to provide any additional nationalities in the next part of the application. The nationality you enter here first will be used by UKVI as your main one for the purposes of your Student visa application and should match the nationality stated on your CAS.

Other nationalities
If you currently hold, or have previously held any other nationality or citizenship then you should declare this here. If you answer ‘yes’ here you will also be asked how long you have been a national of another country and whether you currently possess a valid passport and national identity card for the country in question. You will then be asked again whether you possess any other additional nationality or citizenship on top of the one you have declared.
Your Immigration Status
If the nationality information you provided is different from the country you stated you intended to apply from when you created your account, you will now be asked about your permission to be in that country. If you do not have a visa or permanent residency in the country you intend to apply from then you will be asked to explain your status in further detail.

**English language assessment**
The following questions will not appear for you if your nationality is included on the list of those who do not need to prove their knowledge of English or you are Canadian. If this is the case, you will only be asked about your preferred language to discuss your application.

Before you complete this part of the form, you should check the English language section on your CAS. There are several options on the application form for meeting the English language requirement and you only need to answer yes for one of them. Once you do answer yes, you will proceed to the next section of the application form.

A) **Have you provided evidence of your English language ability in a previous application?**
   - You should only answer ‘yes’ to this if you have personally submitted evidence of an English Language Test, a university degree taught in English or an English GCSE or A Level as part of a previous UK visa application. If in doubt, you should answer ‘no’ here.

B) **Do you have an English language or literature qualification from a UK school?**
   - You should answer no.

C) **Are you coming to the UK to study at a higher education provider with a track record of compliance?**
   - The University of Manchester is a Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance, so you should answer ‘yes’.
   - If you are studying a course at degree level or above then your CAS should state that your English language ability has been assessed and you should also answer ‘yes’ to the follow-up question. If you are studying below degree level and your CAS states that a SELT is required you should answer ‘no’ to this second part of the question.
D) Are you attending a short-term study abroad programme in the UK as part of a university course in the USA?
- Check your CAS and do not use this option if your CAS confirms the University has assessed your English language ability. Instead, you should answer ‘yes’ to option c as instructed above.

E) Are you applying to study a course on English as a foreign language?
- Answer no, unless your CAS is only for a standalone English course at the University Language Centre.

F) Do you have a degree equivalent to a UK Bachelor's degree which was taught in English?
- Check your CAS and do not use this option if your CAS confirms the University has assessed your English language ability, even if this assessment was based on your previous study taught in English. Instead, you should answer ‘yes’ to option c as instructed above.

G) Have you passed an approved English language test in the last 2 years?
- Check your CAS and do not use this option if your CAS confirms the University has assessed your English language ability, even if this assessment was based on English language test results that you sent to us. Instead, you should answer ‘yes’ to option c as instructed above.

H) Do you have a medical condition which prevents you taking an English language test?
- If you have gotten this far without selecting yes to one of the previous questions on English language then it would be best to contact visa@manchester.ac.uk to query your situation with the Student Immigration Team directly.

Spoken language preference
Choose a language that you would like to use if you were contacted about your visa application. UKVI cannot guarantee that they will be able to contact you in your chosen language, and you should be able to converse with them in English. For instance, if you have a credibility interview as part of your visa application this will be in English only.

Dependant Details

People financially dependent on you
If you have dependants you should answer ‘yes’ and include the details of anyone who relies on your financial support. This may include any children you have, or other relatives who are financially dependent on you or live with you. This does not just refer to family members that you intend to bring to the UK on a Dependant visa. It includes anyone who depends on you financially whether they are travelling with you to the UK or not.

Information about these dependants will help us with your application but they will not be included in this visa application. They will need to apply separately if they want to be with you in the UK.
Parent details
Give details about your parents
Enter the details of both of your parents or step-parents. You have to enter details for each one in turn. If you do not have details for your parents or step-parents then you can choose the option ‘I do not have my parent’s details’ instead if you click on the blue link under the heading.

If you only have the details for one parent or step-parent then on the second page you can click ‘I only have the details of one parent’.

Travel Information
Family who live in the UK
You should answer ‘yes’ if you have any family in the UK, including your immediate family, grandparents, partner, stepchildren, or any family of your partner (in-laws) or the partner of your child.

This section does not include aunts, uncles or cousins. You will need to confirm your relation to each member of your family from the list and enter their details. Depending on their nationality, you may also need to confirm what type of immigration permission (visa) they have and provide a passport number for them or write more about their current status.

If you cannot contact a family member here in the UK then you will need to choose the relevant and explain why this is not possible.

After each relative’s details are added the form will continue to ask if you have any other relatives in the UK. You must include all the relatives in the UK that you have.

Travelling as part of an organised group
You should answer ‘no’ here.

Travelling with another person
If you are going to be travelling to the UK with someone who is not your spouse, partner or dependant then you can provide their details here.

Accommodation Details
Staying with family
If you previously stated that you have family in the UK you will be asked whether you are staying with them. If you select ‘yes’ you will need to confirm your family member’s contact and address details as well as how long you will be staying with them for. If you are not staying with a family member, or are staying with an aunt, uncle or cousin, then you can continue without selecting any option and simply click save and continue.
Do you know where you will be staying in the UK?

You do not need to know exactly where you will be living in the UK when you complete this application form online. You should answer ‘yes’ if you have plans for your accommodation in the UK already and can include the address details and dates. You need to write a name in the box at the top of the address page e.g. the name of someone if you are staying with a friend or relative, or the name of a hotel, or you can write ‘private housing’ and include the address.

Accommodation plans in the UK

If you do not have a firm address for where you will be living in the UK you should answer ‘no’ to the question above. You can then explain your general plans for where you will be staying or the type of accommodation you will seek in the free text box provided.

If you intend to stay in University halls of Residence but your hall hasn’t been located yet you can write: ‘I will live in University Halls of Residence provided by the University of Manchester. The address is University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL’

Travel History

UK travel history (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland)

You must answer how many times you have been to the UK in the last 10 years. If you have entered the UK more than 3 times in the past 10 years, you will be asked for details of your last 3 visits. You need to include the main reason for your visa, the date of travel and the length of stay.

Medical treatment in the UK

If you have been to the UK in the last 10 years you will also be asked whether you have had any medical treatment during your time here. You should answer ‘yes’ if you have received any medical treatment, including visits to a doctor’s surgery (known as a General Practitioner or GP).

You need to include the address of where you were treated, the date and if you had to pay for the treatment. You should provide as much detail as you are able to and use Google to find address any details you are uncertain of. Please be aware that unpaid medical bills in the UK can lead to a visa refusal.

Applications for Leave to Remain

This question only refers to those who have previously applied for a visa extension from within the UK. If you have previously applied for a visa from within the UK then you will need to confirm the date of your application and whether the application was successful (approved) or unsuccessful (refused).
National Insurance Number and UK Driving Licence Number

You will only have a National Insurance Number if you have previously been employed in the UK or you have specifically applied for one whilst in the UK, for instance to look for a job. Similarly, you will only have a UK driving licence if you have previously applied for a licence.

Public funds

This refers only to specific welfare benefits. Student funding, such as scholarships and bursaries, do not count as public funds and student council tax exemptions also do not count as recourse to public funds.

International travel history (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, USA, Switzerland & EEA)

You should include the details of any trips you have made to these countries in the last 10 years. You only need to include the details of your two most recent visits if you have had more than two in total in the last 10 years.

Travel history (Other)

If you have visited any other countries other than those included in the previous question then you need to include these. You need to add each visit in turn and provide information to the best of your ability.

Your planned travel information

You must enter the date you intend to travel to the UK. You can arrive in the UK up to one month before your official course start date, as stated in your CAS.

NOTE: Although the application form states that you will be issued with a 30-day entry visa, to the best of our knowledge entry visas are still being issued with a 90-day validity period in order to provide greater travel flexibility during the ongoing pandemic.

Problems with immigration to the UK or other countries

It is very important that you confirm if you have ever had a visa application refused, been deported, removed or required to leave a country, or refused entry to a country.

The next question will also ask if you have ever entered the UK illegally, remained in the UK beyond your visa validity (overstaying), breached the conditions of your visa or provided false information when applying for a UK visa (deception).

If you answer ‘yes’ here you will need to provide more details, including a short explanation of what happened. If possible, it is best to include a reference number from any previous refusals or correspondence with UKVI in relation to any previous UK immigration issues.

Please contact us at visa@manchester.ac.uk if you are worried about your answers here.
Convictions and other penalties
Convictions and other penalties
You must declare any relevant convictions or penalties for the UK or from any other country regardless of when the offence occurred. This also includes cautions, warnings, civil court judgements and civil penalties.

If you select one of these then you must include further details. It is very important that you declare any such history to avoid any claim of deception in your visa application which could result in a refusal.

Other history
War Crimes
You must read the information and guidance carefully before answering.

The application form includes definitions of any of the terms they use in these security questions if you are uncertain about any of them.

Terrorist activities, organisations and views
You must read the information and guidance carefully before answering.

Extremist organisations and views
You must read the information and guidance carefully before answering.

Person of good character
You must read the questions carefully before answering.

Your employment history
You must select any relevant work, whether it was paid or unpaid. For each one you need to write a brief explanation of the employer you worked for, what your role was, and the duration of employment. You can select more than one option here if you need to.

Sponsor
Sponsor licence number and address
This section will ask for information from your CAS about your course, the title, level, etc. If you do not have a CAS number yet, you cannot proceed with your application. If you are reapplying after a visa refusal, you must obtain a new CAS.

What is your sponsor licence number?
The University of Manchester sponsor licence number is Q3DK76WN4.

Sponsor’s address: The University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL.
Place of study
The University of Manchester is a **Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance** so select that option from the list.

Primary site of study
You should answer ‘yes’ to confirm that you will be studying at the University of Manchester main campus. If you will be studying elsewhere for the main part of your course e.g. if you are on a joint course across two institutions or a split-site PhD student then you should include the address where you will be doing most of your studies.

UCAS details
Answer ‘yes’ and include your UCAS number if you applied through UCAS specifically. If you did not apply for your course through UCAS then you should answer ‘no’.

ATAS details
Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS)
Not all students need an ATAS certificate to study their course – it is only required by some postgraduate level students who are studying certain science and technology subjects, including those undertaking integrated Masters courses such as MEng, MPhys, MSci etc.

Your CAS will state whether or not ATAS clearance is required for you to study your course. However, it is not necessary to wait for your CAS before you apply for ATAS, as long as you already have the necessary information from your School or Department, which should be included in your offer letter (CAH code and a list of taught modules or a research summary for postgraduate research students).

You don’t need an ATAS certificate if you are a national of any of the exempt countries listed in the ATAS Appendix to the Immigration Rules.

If you do require an ATAS certificate, you must get it before you submit your visa application. During peak periods this can take 30 working days or more so it is best to apply as early as you can. Your ATAS certificate is valid for use in a visa application for up to 6 months and you will receive your certificate by email only.

Sponsor
Future official financial sponsor
You should answer ‘yes’ if you are financially sponsored for your studies by an official financial sponsor. An official financial sponsor can be a University (Including the University of Manchester), the UK government, your home government, an international organisation (like a scholarship agency) or an international company (a company with offices in more than one country).
Being ‘wholly sponsored’ means that both your tuition fees and living expenses (maintenance) equal to at least £1023 per month are fully provided for by your financial sponsor.

If you are wholly sponsored by The University of Manchester this should be stated on your CAS and confirm that both your tuition fees and living expenses are covered. You should select ‘My Student sponsor has confirmed this information on my CAS’.

If you are wholly sponsored by a sponsor that is not The University of Manchester then you must include a sponsor letter with your visa application to prove this and should choose ‘Letter of official financial sponsorship’.

If an official financial sponsor will not be providing funds to cover both your tuition fees and living costs in full then you should answer ‘I am not being wholly sponsored’.

If you are not wholly sponsored then you will need to also include bank statements with your visa application, in addition to your original sponsor letter, to show you have the funds to cover any remaining tuition or living costs. If you are only partly sponsored for living expenses then you will need to be able to show the remaining amount per month you need to make £1023 in total and multiply this by 9 months.

You should read the financial guide on our website before continuing to make sure your financial evidence meets UKVI requirements.

Course details
Course information
Name of sponsor institution – Answer ‘The University of Manchester’
Course name – Answer by copying the course title exactly as it appears on your CAS.
Qualification you will get – Select the option where the RQF section of the code matches the NQF level given for ‘Course Level’ on your CAS Statement.

‘RQF5/ SCQF8’ for a foundation course

‘RQF6/ SCQF9/10’ for an undergraduate course (bachelors)

‘RQF7/ SCQF11’ for a postgraduate taught course (masters), integrated masters course (e.g. MEng or MPharm, MSci etc) or a postgraduate research masters (e.g. MPhil or MRes)

‘RQF8/ SCQF12’ for a postgraduate research course (PhD)

Do not choose ‘Postgraduate Doctor or Dentist’
Are you going to be a student union sabbatical officer? - A sabbatical officer is someone who has been elected to work for the Student’s Union. Specific wording is added to a CAS where this is the case. You should answer ‘no’ if you are just applying to study a course.

Course start date - Answer using the exact date as it is stated on your CAS
Course end date - Answer using the exact date as it is stated on your CAS

Accommodation payments
You should only answer ‘yes’ here if your CAS states that you have paid any money towards accommodation. This is only if you are staying in University of Manchester-owned Halls of Residence, otherwise it will not be included. If your CAS does show that you have paid money towards accommodation then you should confirm the amount and select the option ‘My sponsor has confirmed this information on my CAS’.

Up to £1334 in payments to The University of Manchester for your accommodation can be taken into account by UKVI to offset the amount you need to evidence for living expenses (£9207).

If you are not in University owned accommodation then you should answer ‘no’ here.

Course fees
What are your course fees for your first year?
Enter the ‘Course Fees’ figure from your CAS Statement. Note that for courses longer than one year, this is your fees for the first year only.

Have you or your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) already paid any of your course fees?
Select ‘yes’ here if you have paid anything towards your fees and this is confirmed on your CAS. If you have made a payment that is not yet included on your CAS, e-mail CSTuitionfees@manchester.ac.uk to request an updated CAS statement.

If your CAS confirms that some of your fees have been paid then you should state how much and choose the option ‘My sponsor has confirmed this information on my CAS’.

Student Loan
If you are relying on an educational loan as financial evidence you should answer ‘yes’ here. You will be asked if you have already received your loan.

If you wish to use a loan letter as evidence of your funds for your visa application, the loan must be provided by either the relevant government, a government sponsored Student Loan Company or an academic or educational loans scheme. The loan letter must also meet certain requirements which are set out in our financial guidance document.

If you will be funded by a US Federal Student Loan, ensure you have proof of the loan and notification from the University’s Student Funding team (funding@manchester.ac.uk).

Maintenance funds
You should answer ‘yes’ to the first question here if you are self-funded and using bank statements from your own bank account. You also still need to answer ‘yes’ to this if you are
fully sponsored by an official financial sponsor as well, even though you do not need to include bank statements.

If you are using a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) bank statement for your visa application then you should answer ‘no’ and answer the follow-up questions to confirm this and that you have permission to do so and can prove it with official evidence.

You must include their bank statement, a signed letter of consent and a copy of your birth certificate, adoption certificate or court document confirming your relation with your supporting documents – along with an official translation of any documents that are not in English.

UKVI accept copies or scans of documents so you do not have to submit original documents.

**Extra information**

**Additional information about your application**

You should include extra information in this box if it is relevant to your application. For example if you did not have enough space in an earlier section of the form to explain something.

If you are bringing dependants to the UK who are making their own Dependant visa applications at the same time as you then you should state this here and include their details and the planned date they will apply so that it is easier for UKVI to link your applications together.

**Check your answers**

This page will summarise your entire application so far. You should check over all your answers carefully before proceeding. You can change any of your answers on this page.
The Documents page will list all of the supporting documentation you need to provide.

You should check our Supporting Documents webpage before continuing further to ensure that you have all the necessary documents and they meet the relevant requirements.

If your application comes under the ‘differentiation arrangement’ because of your nationality, you should not be asked to provide evidence of either your financials or offer qualification. You should still have this evidence prepared.

If you are applying to study a degree level course, you will not need to provide copies of the qualification listed in your CAS despite its inclusion here.

You will need to check each document, accept the conditions of your application and click the declaration to confirm that all the information you have provided in the form is accurate.

NOTE: You will no longer be able to edit your application form after completing the declaration and proceeding onto the payment of the Immigration Health Surcharge.

The Immigration Health Surcharge is a compulsory charge that must be paid in order to submit a Student visa application to come and study in the UK for more than 6 months. It grants you access to healthcare in the UK using the National Health Service (NHS).

The IHS is calculated at the rate of £470 per year and £235 for any period less than 6 months. The calculation is based on the length of your visa and not the length of your course. For more information about how the IHS is calculated please see our webpage.

The IHS form will calculate how much you need to pay based on the information you provide about your course. In order to ensure this calculation is accurate you should ensure the details you provide match your CAS.

If the form calculates an incorrect amount of money you should either be refunded any surplus funds within 6 weeks of receiving a decision on your application or a caseworker should email you directly with a web link to make a top-up payment before a decision is made on your application. You should check your emails regularly.
**NOTE:** This section does not apply to you if you are an EU, EEA or Swiss national who used the phone app to enrol your biometrics. You will not receive a BRP and will instead be emailed a link to an online portal which confirms your visa status.

If you are coming to the UK for over 6 months then you will need to collect your full visa when you arrive. This is called a **Biometric Residence Permit** (BRP card).

When you apply for your visa, make sure that you enter our **ACL code** in the *Alternative Location* field in the *BRP Collection Location* section of the online application. Our ACL code is **2HE372**. This will allow you to collect your BRP card from the University after you arrive.

Once your BRP card has been received at the Student Services Centre (building 57 on the [campus map](#)), we will e-mail you to book a collection appointment. You will be able to collect your student card and complete International Check-In at the same appointment.

You should aim to collect your BRP as soon as you can after arriving. However, if you are required to do so, you must complete any period of isolation before collecting your BRP.

You would normally be issued with a 30-day visa vignette inside your passport, which is your visa to enter the UK. However, the UKVI is currently issuing 90-day entry vignettes to provide greater flexibility. You should plan to enter the UK within the validity period of your entry visa. The earliest arrival date is **1 month** before your course start date.

Along with your entry vignette sticker in your passport, you will also receive a written notification called a **decision letter** which confirm where you can collect your BRP from and what the conditions of your visa are (e.g. working hours, police registration). You should carry your decision letter with you when you enter the UK.
Payment and Appointment

Once you have paid the Immigration Healthcare Surcharge and chosen your BRP collection location you can pay the visa application fee and submit the online application form.

The application form will show you if there are any additional services available. Your local Visa Application Centre (VAC) may offer a Priority Service, providing you the option to pay a higher fee to obtain a faster decision on your application. If you pay for a priority service you should receive a decision on your application within 3 – 5 working days. Some countries even offer a Super Priority Service where you can receive a decision within 24 hours.

You can check how long your visa application may take on average [here](#).

You will be prompted to book an appointment to give biometric information at a Visa Application Centre. Please follow the instructions on the application. If you are an EU, EEA or Swiss national with a passport containing an embedded biometric chip you will not need an appointment for biometrics; instead you will use a phone app to provide a face-scan.

**Remember:** Your visa application date is the date you pay for your application online and not the date of your biometric appointment at the Visa Application Centre. If you are self-financed you must have held the required sum of money in your bank account for at least **28 days before** the day you pay online.

Further Help and Support

If you are having any difficulties, please email visa@manchester.ac.uk for advice. Please do not send multiple e-mails about the same issue as this slows down our response times. If you can provide your student ID number in your email this will help us identify your student record and respond to your query quickly.

If your visa application is refused, please email us a copy of the refusal notice (all pages) so we can advise you before a new CAS number is issued.

If you think you have made a mistake on your application after you have submitted it, please do not cancel it until you have contacted us and received advice on how to proceed.