

Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) from Swansea University

We recommend that you apply for your Student Route visa as soon as possible to avoid delays.

You cannot apply for your visa until 6 months before your course start date if you are applying from overseas, or 3 months before your course start date if you are applying from within the UK.

You can find information on visa processing times [here](#). Please note that the published timescales is for decision only, and does not take into account the extra time needed to wait for an appointment, submitting biometrics, or collecting your passport/travel vignette after a decision is received. You should therefore allow for an extra 1-4 weeks minimum on top of the published processing times.

CAS statement

You have been issued with a CAS to enable you to apply for a Student Route visa. The CAS statement contains all the information required for you to make a visa application. If you do not require a Student Route visa, please let us know as soon as possible.

Applying for your visa

For details on how to apply for your visa please visit our VISA Advice [webpages](#).

Swansea University's VISA Advice team have trained immigration advisers who can give you help and guidance. If you have any questions regarding the visa application process then you can contact the team directly using the [Live Chat](#) service.

Immigration Health Surcharge

As part of your visa application, you will be required to pay for the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS). This is compulsory and payable immediately by debit or credit card. Please see the VISA Advice team's [Finance IHS Visa fees information sheet](#) for guidance on how much you need to pay.

Tuberculosis (TB) Testing

Applicants from some countries and who are coming to the UK for more than 6 months will need to take a TB test before applying for their visa. You can find a full list of guidance and UKVI approved clinics on the [Gov.UK](#) website.

Credibility Interviews

The UKVI undertake credibility interviews carried out as part of the Student visa application process. It is essential that you are well-prepared in advance of these interviews, as questions can cover a wide variety of subjects. In order to help you prepare, see our [Credibility Interview Guide](#).

Dependants

Only certain types of courses allow Student Route students to bring family members as dependants. You may be eligible if;

- Your course is a PhD, other doctoral qualification, or a postgraduate research degree of 9 months or more, OR
- You are government sponsored and your course is 6 months or more.

Please find more detailed guidance on the VISA Advice [dependants webpage](#).

Visa for another university

If you currently hold a Student Route visa for another university, you will need to apply for your new visa before you can begin your studies at Swansea.

Arrival in the UK

You will receive your visa in the form of a vignette in your passport. If your length of leave is longer than 6 months, this vignette will only cover your travel to the UK, usually 90 days.

You must travel to the UK between the start and end dates detailed on your vignette.

If your vignette expires out before you can travel, you must apply for a Single-Entry Permit to allow you to enter the UK. Details around that process can be found on the Visa Advice team's [Incorrect, Lost or Stolen documents](#) page.

You will also receive a visa decision letter/email telling you to create an [eVisa](#). Your eVisa will be your longer-term proof of your Student visa status for use once you arrive in the UK. Please register for your eVisa as soon as you can after your visa is decided and check all the details such as validity dates and personal details are correct.

Delayed arrival

You should make every effort to arrive by the first day of enrolment for your chosen course. If you are not able to arrive on time, then you must contact your faculty Student Support Team to discuss your options. You can find more information on the university's [enrolment webpages](#).

Working during your studies

You can find more information on the visa regulations for working as a student [here](#).

