

Information for students

Applying under Differentiation arrangements (low risk)

To find out whether you are able to apply for your visa under differentiation, you will need to see if your nationality is listed in paragraph ST 22.1 in [Appendix Student](#) of the Immigration rules. Students who are nationals of the countries listed do not have to submit their financial documentation and qualifications with their visa application.

However, we would recommend that you make sure you have these additional documents available as they could be requested at a later date. We believe the chance of this is very small, but it is good to be prepared.

Documents needed:

- **Passport** (current and any previous) or other valid travel documentation
- **Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number**
For visa applications for new courses, your CAS will be issued by the [International Admissions](#) team.
For students making an application to extend their visa for a course they are already studying, you will need to contact [VISA Compliance](#) and complete a CAS request form. You will need the unique CAS reference number to include in your online application form.
- **Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate** (if applicable)
Certain postgraduate courses within science, engineering or technology disciplines may require an ATAS Clearance Certificate. You will need this Certificate in order for your visa to be granted and to enable you to enrol.
If your course requires ATAS, you will have received information about it with your offer letter. Your CAS from the University will also state if your course needs ATAS clearance. If it is not listed on your offer, you should not need one. Further information on ATAS and how to apply, if necessary, can be found on our [ATAS](#) webpages.
- **TB test** (if applicable) - Applicants from some countries, 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 full guidance and a list of UKVI approved clinics at [Gov.UK TB tests](#)
- **Credit or debit card** to pay the Visa application fee and Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) payment as part of the online application process
- **Relationship documents** if your course is eligible and you are applying with [Dependants](#), you may need to submit proof of relationship (such as Marriage or Birth Certificates)

Finances

Although you will not have to demonstrate that you have funding in place to cover your fees and living costs upfront, we strongly recommend that you have financial evidence that meets the UKVI requirements, ready to submit, in case UKVI ask to see it at a later stage in the application process.

You should also make sure that you have enough money to pay for the visa application fees and immigration health surcharge (IHS).

Please visit our [Visas and Immigration](#) webpages for further details about financial evidence and application costs.