

Please make sure that you are using this guide in conjunction with the comprehensive information about making a Student Route visa application which is provided on the <u>VISA Advice website</u>.

Whilst this guide may appear long, it is mainly composed of screenshots of the application form, and it intends to cover all eventualities and questions. Your own application form will not be this long because you will only be asked the questions which apply to you. Using this Guide should reassure you that the information you are putting in is correct.

If you are an EU/EEA/Swiss or a 'low risk' student, you may find that the online application form will ask you a few different questions and invite you to verify your identify via the IDV app (if you can do so on your computer or phone) DON'T WORRY this is normal. We do not have the screenshots/questions relating to the app in this Guide. However, you should still find the majority of these question helpful as you go through the form.

Completing the online Student application form overseas

Go to this webpage: <u>https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/apply</u> - You should now see the following screen: select **'Start now'**

Apply

You must apply online for a Student visa.

Check which documents you'll need to apply.

Apply outside the UK

As part of your application, you'll need to prove your identity. How you do this depends on where you're from and what type of passport you have.

You'll either:

- give your fingerprints and a photograph (biometric information) at a <u>visa</u> <u>application centre</u>
- use the 'UK Immigration: ID Check' app to scan your identity document you'll also create or sign into your UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) account

You'll be told what you need to do when you apply.

Once you've started your application, you can save your form and complete it later.

Start now >

You'll see this screen next: select 'No' if you will not be living in Jersey, Guernsey or the Isle of Man



You will then see this screen: select **'No'** if you don't have an EU/EEA or Swiss passport and **'Yes'** if you do. If you select **'Yes'** you wil be taken to a page with more information about the **'UK Immigration: ID Check'** app. For the purposes of these FAQs, we have gone through the form as if **'No'** has been selected.



Once you have selected 'No' you will be asked to select your language on the next screen:

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	Select your language
	You can read the questions in a different language, but your answers must be in English.
	All words used in any translation are there to help. The English version of the questions will be used to assess your application.
	Please select your language:
	English - please select your language
	简体中文-请选择您的语言
	🔘 हिन्दी - कृपया अपनी भाषा चुनें
	Русский - пожалуйста, выберите ваш язык

You will then be asked to confirm your visa type on the next screen: select 'Student'

Confirm your visa type
Confirm what type of visa you want to apply for from the options below. If you are not sure, use the <u>check if you need a UK visa tool</u> , or see the <u>visas and immigration</u> <u>guidance pages</u> for information.
O Visit or transit visa
Tier1 (Investor)
Tier1 (Entrepreneur)
Skilled Worker visa
British Nationals (Overseas) visa
Tier 2 (Sportsperson) visa
Tier 2 (Minister of Religion) visa
Intra-Dompany Transfer and Graduate Trainee
Frontier Worker
Short-term student visa
Student
Onlid Student
Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) visa - Charity Worker
Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) visa - Greative and Sporting



Start typing the name of the country where you will be applying from. You can only apply in the country where you usually live or in your country of nationality. You can't apply for a Student visa if you are in another country as a visitor (e.g. if you are on holiday).

As you begin typing, suggestions will appear and you can click on your country. Once you have selected your country, click '**Next**'.

The next screen will explain the options for the visa application centres where you can submit your biometric information. There isn't a visa application centre in every country, so you may need to travel to a nearby country to submit biometrics.

You will need to confirm if you can attend an appointment at one of the available options. If you select **'I am unable to travel to a location in my selected country or a redirected country',** the form will then ask which country you are able to attend an appointment in. You are responsible for checking if you are actually able to submit an application in that country. If you are unsure please <u>contact the VISA Advice</u> <u>Team</u> for advice.

Once you have confirmed that 'I can travel to a location in my selected country', you'll see this screen:

Student visa

Use this form to apply from outside the UK for a Student visa.

You cannot add family members ('dependants') to this application. You must complete a <u>separate form</u> for your dependants.

Before you apply

Before you start your application, read the guidance on:

- eligibility
- how to apply and required documents
- fees

How long it takes you to complete the application will depend on your particular situation. You will be able to save your application and come back to it at another time if you need to.

If you are inactive for 25 minutes you will be automatically logged out.

How we use your data

The Home Office will use the personal information you provide to decide whether to grant your application. We may also share your information with other public and private sector organisations in the UK and overseas. For more detail please see the <u>Privacy Notice for the Border, Immigration and Citizenship system</u>. This also sets out your rights under the Data Protection Act 2018 and explains how you can access your personal information and complain if you have concerns about how we are using it.

Apply now

Read the instructions and make sure you've read the guidance before attempting to apply online. Click on the '**Apply now**' button to proceed.



Register an email

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Enter an email address and password so you can save your answers. You will then be emailed a unique link to let you log back in to your application at a later point, if needed.

Throughout your application, you can select the option to 'Return to this application later' in order to re-send the link to your latest saved application.

Email address

Create a password

Your password must be 8 characters or longer and include a letter and a number or symbol.

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Repeat your password

Save and continue

Ensure that your email address is correct and that it is an account that you use and check regularly. Choose a password that you will remember easily and then click '**Save and continue**'. On the following screens you will need to confirm whether this is your email address or someone else's.







Sometimes the UKVI may need to contact you by phone about your application. You can state here whether they can contact you by phone. If you choose, I cannot be contacted by phone or text, you will be asked to explain why.



If you are a Marshall, Chevening or Commonwealth Scholar choose yes. Only students with these types of scholarships should choose 'yes' for this question.



Scholarships

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Quick application form navigation tips:

- Please note that you can save your application and return to it later if you wish. Just click on **'Return to this application later'**. You should then receive an email which contains a direct link for you to use to access your application again later.
- If you'd like to check your previous answers at any stage, you can click **'Show and edit answers'**. You'll be able to see the answers you've provided so far and amend them if necessary by clicking on 'Change' next to the relevant questions.
- If you want to go back to the previous screen, you can click the **'Back'** button underneath where it says **'Start'** near the top left of the screen below the gov.uk banner from the next page onwards.

Your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies
Do you have a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number?
Yes No
Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies reference number
Save and continue
Return to this application later
Show and edit answers

Enter your name as shown on your passport or travel document. Use the English spelling of your name where provided.

You must tell us your full name.

Given name(s)

Your given name is usually your first name. If you have middle names, include these with your given name. If your name has a suffix (e.g. Jr), include this with your given name. If you have a patronymic name, include it with your given name. You must tell us all your given names.

Family name

Your family name is the surname shared by your family.

I do not have a current passport or travel document

Save and continue

If you are applying for a Student Route visa for Swansea University, you need a CAS number. It is a 14 digit reference number made of letters and numbers, e.g. E4G1AB2C34D5E6. You can find out how you will receive your CAS on the <u>Swansea</u> <u>University Admissions web page</u> (new students) or via <u>MyUniHub</u> (continuing students). You cannot use a CAS number twice, so if you have

already used your CAS in a visa application had a decision made on it (e.g. a refusal), you will need to obtain a new CAS number. If you reapply using the same CAS you will receive a refusal.

Answer '**Yes'** and enter your CAS number accurately.

N.B. It *is* possible to click **'No'** here and to continue to fill in the form as much as you can. You will need to save the form. You can enter the CAS number at a later date when you have received it.



Put all of your first and middle names in the 'Given names' box. Put your surname in the 'Family name' box.

If you only have one name (you don't have both a given and family name), click on the link 'I cannot enter my name using a current passport or travel document'. Once you have clicked on this option, you will be able to click on the link 'I do not have both a given and family name'. You can then enter your name.

On the next page, you will be asked if you have been known by any other name. If you have been known by another name, choose **'Yes'** and enter the name on the next page.

If you have been known by any other names you can state them here e.g. if your name on your degree certificate is different/you have changed your name.



Any other names

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In addition to the names already provided, are you now or have you ever been known by another name?

You must provide all your names. For example, if you changed your name after marriage or have a different name that you use for professional purposes.

) No Yes

Your gender and relationship status
What is your gender, as shown in your passport or travel document?
Male
Female
What is your relationship status?
Save and continue
Return to this application later
► <u>Show and edit answers</u>

Your address

Address

n/City

Country

Province/Region/State

Postal code (if applicable)

Is this address also your correspondence address?

No

You need to state your gender and relationship status here. If you do not identify as male or female, you can use **'Unspecified'**.

You must be accurate about your relationship status in the application form. You will be asked about your partner (if applicable) later in the form.



You need to enter your address here. If you also have a different correspondence address, then please select '**No'** and enter your correspondence address in this screen.



About this property
How long have you lived at this address? Select a unit of time and enter a value
What is the ownership status of your home? I own it I rent it Other
Save and continue Return to this application later Show and edit answers

We may use this address to contact you about your application, including after it has been decided.

In this screen you need to confirm how long you have lived at your address and the ownership status. If you have lived at the property for less than 2 years, you will be asked for your previous address history.

If you do not own or rent your property, for example, if you are living with your parents or family, please select '**Other'** -you will then need to explain your circumstances in the free text box.



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Your passport You must use your passport or travel document to complete this section. Passport number or travel document reference number Issuing authority On your passport or travel document this could also be referred to as 'country of issue' or 'place of issue'. Issue date Enter date in the format DD MM YYYY Day Month You most use your passport	IMPORTANT: The passport you use for your application must match the passport information on your CAS. If you have obtained a new passport since your CAS was issued, you must inform the team who created your CAS. Incorrect passport details on the CAS can lead to a refusal and it is your responsibility to make sure this information is correct. You must enter accurate details of a valid passport that you intend to use to apply for your visa and to travel to the UK. If you are a dual national, you must choose which nationality you want your visa to be linked to. If you are a dual national, British Citizen you should not apply for a Student Visa.
Expiry date Enter date in the format DD MM YYYY Day Month Year	
Your identity card Do you have a valid national identity card? This includes identity cards, issued from non-UK governments. This does not include driving licences. If you have an internal passport, provide the details here. Yes No Save and continue	If your country issues national identity cards, you must enter the number here after selecting 'Yes '. If your country doesn't issue national identity cards, select 'No' and then 'Save and Continue' .
Pound on a diameter of the province	You must declare the nationality of the passport you will use to apply for your visa. Enter your date, country and place of birth accurately. If you hold more than one nationality, you will need to enter these details on the next screen.

Your other nationalities

Do you currently hold, or have you ever held, any other nationality or citizenship? You must provide all the nationalities that you currently hold or have ever held.

Yes No

Save and continue

Return to this application later

Previous evidence of English language ability

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Have you provided evidence of your English language ability in a previous application?

You must have provided evidence that you either:

- scored level B1, B2, C1 or C2 on an approved English language test which assessed your reading, writing, speaking and listening skills
- have a degree which was taught in English
- have an English GCSE, A level or Scottish National 4 or 5, Higher, or Advanced Higher qualification

Yes No

Spoken language preference

We may have to talk to you about your application. Which language would you prefer to use?

English	
O Other	
Save and continue	

Return to this application later

You **must** enter details of all other nationalities that you hold or have ever held. You will then be asked whether valid passports and ID cards have for these nationalities. If you do have valid passports / ID cards, you will need to enter these details on the form.

Next you may be asked about your immigration status if you are not applying in your country of nationality.



If you have previously been granted a Tier 4/Student visa and have proven your ability to meet the requirements listed, choose **yes.** If not, choose **No.**

You are expected to be able to speak English to degree level standard, therefore you should be able to select '**English**'. Please be aware that you may be interviewed at your visa appointment and will be required to answer questions in English



English qualification from a UK school

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Do you have an English language or literature qualification from a UK school?

This must be from a school you attended when you were under 18. You will need to provide your exam certificate.

You can use a GCSE, A level, National 4 or 5, Higher, or Advanced Higher qualification.



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English language assessment

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Are you coming to the UK to study at a higher education provider with a track record of compliance?

See the Register of Student sponsors to confirm whether a Higher Education Provider has a track record of compliance. A Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance will have the status 'Student Sponsor - Track Record'.



Does your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) statement indicate that your English language ability was assessed by your institution or that you are a 'gifted' student?

Yes 🔿 No

Your Current Partner

Use your partner's passport or travel document, if they have one, to complete this section
Given names
Family name
Date of birth
Enter date in the format DD MM YYYY
Day Month Year
Country of nationality
Do they currently live with you?
Yes No
Will they be travelling with you to the UK?
Yes No
Save and continue

You should answer '**No'** to this question unless this is how your English language was assessed by Swansea University as stated on your CAS. This will usually only apply to undergraduate students.



Answer '**Yes'** to this question because Swansea University is a Higher Education Provider with a Track Record of Compliance

You will then be asked whether your CAS indicates that your English Language ability was assessed by your institution or whether you are a 'gifted' student. Check your CAS. If you are applying for a visa to study at degree level or above, the answer should be **'Yes'** as Swansea University should have assessed your English language level.

If you are applying for a Student visa for a Pre-sessional English Language course and have had to take a UKVI SELT, you will need to declare this.



If you indicated that you had a partner earlier in your application, you must provide details here, even if they are not coming to the UK with you.



- grandparents or grandchildren
- your spouse or civil partner's family
- vour child's spouse, civil partner or partner



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relationships on the next screen, and you

relationship in relation to the family member

will need to select the appropriate

you are declaring.

About your relative	
About your relative	
Their relationship to you	
Given names	
Family name	
Nationality	
What permission do they have to be in the UK?	
Ask your relative for the answer if you do not know it.	
They have a temporary visa	
They are in the UK permanently	
They do not have a visa and are not in the UK permanently	
I cannot contact my relative	
Other relatives who live in the UK	If you have more than one relative in the
	UK, you should answer ' Yes' on the next
Do you have any other relatives who live in the UK?	(above) information again with their
Yes No	details.
Save and continue	
Travelling as part of an organised group	Swansea University Student Visa holders do not
Will you be travelling to the UK as part of an organised group?	group, so your answer is likely to be 'No' .
This include travel companies or sports, work, or study groups.	Please note: that taking advantage of the
Yes No	University's Meet and Greet services does not
Save and continue	count as travelling in a group.
Travelling with an athen a second	
iravelling with another person	I his refers to anyone who intends to travel to the UK with you apart from your partner, spouse or dependant. If you
Will you be travelling to the UK with someone who is not your partner, spouse, or dependant?	will be travelling to the UK with someone, you will need to
Yes No	to you in this section. It does not matter if they have not
Save and continue	yet applied for a visa, you must still provide their detail.
	If you are travelling on your own, click 'No' and save and continue



The name of any family member you previously declared as being in the UK will be shown in the screen above. If you will stay with that family member, click in the box. You'll then need to provide further details of the arrangement, such as the address.

You can also declare if you are staying with a different family member in the UK.

If you don't intend to live with them while you're in the UK, you should just click '**Save and continue**'.

The next question will ask if you know where you will be staying in the UK



If you have already made accommodation arrangements and have the address where you will be staying, you should select '**Yes'**. You will need to enter further details on the next screen, where you will need to explain the type of accommodation e.g. halls of residence, private flat. You will also be asked for the date you will arrive at that address and the date when you will leave. If you will not be at that address for the whole of your time in the UK, you will be asked to enter details of other accommodation. It is fine if you have not yet arranged this.

If you don't yet have an address for where you will be staying when you arrive in the UK that is fine, (there is no requirement for you to have confirmed accommodation at the point you apply for the visa), you can select 'No' and you'll see the following screen.



In the free text box, you can explain your plans. It is fine if you have applied for university accommodation but have not yet received an allocation, you can explain that here. You can give further details if you are still searching for private accommodation or if you intend to stay in a hotel/with friends/family initially while you look for accommodation. Not having accommodation is not a reason for visa refusal. You can then click **'Save and continue'**







Return to this application later

UK travel history

Have you been to the UK in the past 10 years?

)Yes ()No

Save and continue

Return to this application later

Show and edit answers





You should declare whether you have travelled to the UK within the last 10 years.

If you have been to the UK in the last 10 years, you will need to declare how many times you have been to the UK.

If you are not sure how many times you have been to the UK in the last 10 years, please provide an estimate. If you have been to the UK, you will be asked to provide details of up to 3 visits in the next screen.

We are aware that the application form appears to only be asking if you have previously held a UK visa in the last 10 years if you state that you have not been to the UK in the last 10 years. This may be a glitch in the form. Therefore, if you have held a UK visa in the last 10 years, we advise that you give the details of the visa(s) you have held in the 'Additional Information' section of the application form whether or not you used the visa to travel to the UK.



You should declare whether you have previously had medical treatment in the UK and whether you were told that you had to pay for this. This includes visiting a GP, a specialist or hospital treatment at A and E or as an in-patient.

You should give the details of the treatment you received on the next screen; these should be as accurate as possible. If you no longer have this information, you should try to find out where you received the treatment and contact them directly for more information.

UK leave to remain

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Have you applied for leave to remain in the UK in the past 10 years?

Yes	O №	
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What is leave to remain?

Save and continue

This question asks whether you have any applied for a UK visa from inside the UK to remain in the UK. Please confirmed if you have ever applied for a UK visa from inside the UK



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A National Insurance number is a number you need to be able to work in the UK. If you have never lived or worked in the UK before you will not have a National Insurance number. Not having a number will not affect your visa application.



World travel history

Have you been to any other countries in the past 10 years? Do not include visits to the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, or the European Economic Area. • Which countries are part of the European Economic Area (EEA)? • Yes No Save and continue Return to this application later In this section, you need to provide details of travel to any other countries within the last 10 years. You'll be required to provide more information about the country, purpose of the visit, date of travel and duration on the next page. You should attempt to provide information as accurately as you can. If there is not enough space for all your travel you can include an additional sheet of paper with this information.



Your planned travel information
Date you plan to arrive in the UK Enter date in the format DD MM YYYY
Day Month Year
Why is this information important?
Save and continue
Return to this application later
Show and edit answers

The earliest you can travel to the UK is **30 days before the course start date on the CAS** or **seven days before your intended date of travel whichever is later**, if you are studying a course of more than 6 months or a pre-sessional English course. You can enter any date within the month before your course start date. Your temporary visa sticker validity will be based on your intended date of travel; it will be valid for 90 days either from 1 month before the course start date or from 7 days before the intended date of travel, whichever is later. (The vignettes are 90 days due to COVID – generally they were only 30 days),

If your course duration on the CAS is less than 6 months, you will only be able to come to the UK from 7 days before the course start date on the CAS. Further information about travel and timings can be found on the <u>VISA Advice application website</u>

Immigration history	
For either the UK or any other country, have you ever been: Refused a visa Refused entry at the border Refused permission to stay or remain Refused asytum Refused asytum Refused asytum	If you ha problem If you ha
Deported Removed Required to leave Excluded or banned from entry	select 'Y more de informat
Save and continue Return to this application later Show and edit answers	



If you have never faced any immigration problems, then please select **'No'**

If you have faced any of these issues, please select **'Yes'**. You will be required to provide more details on the next screen (see further information below) You must declare if you have had any immigration issues for the UK or any other country in the world. This may not affect your visa application for the UK, but it will depend on the issue you faced e.g. illegal working may mean that the UKVI will think you will risk working whilst in the UK. However, you must be honest with your answers as the UKVI can check this.

When it asks if you were required to leave, this means that you have been formally required to leave a country by the country's authorities. It does not mean just if you left because your visit/visa has ended.

If you have ever had a UK visa that has been curtailed (shortened) due to a change in your circumstances, you do not need to answer '**Yes'** to this question, but you could include further details of the curtailment in the '**Additional Information**' section of the application form.

Once you have given details of the immigration problem you faced, you will be asked whether you have faced any other immigration problems. If you have not, select **'No'**.

If you have faced more than one issue, select **'Yes'** and complete the information again. Please ensure that you do complete this section accurately. Failure to declare immigration issues can impact on your visa application, particularly if you fail to declare a previous visa refusal. Failure to declare a refusal can lead to a ban on immigration applications to the UK.

Breach of UK immigration law	Confirm whether you have ever breached any of the laws listed. If you answer ' Yes '		
Have you ever:	you will be asked to include details of the breach on the next screen.		
 remained in the UK beyond the validity of your visa or permission to stay breached the conditions of your leave, for example, worked without permission or received public funds when you did not have permission given false information when applying for a visa, leave to enter, or leave to remain breached UK immigration law in any other way 			
O Yes O No			
Save and continue			
Return to this application later			
Show and edit answers			

Convictions and other penalties

At any time have you ever had any of the following, in the UK or in another country? Only select one answer at a time. If you need to give more than one answer, you can do so on another page.					
A criminal conviction					
A penalty for a driving offence, for example disqualification for speeding or no motor insurance					
An arrest or charge for which you are currently on, or awaiting trial					
A caution, warning, reprimand or other penalty					
A civil court judgment against you, for example for non payment of debt, bankruptcy proceedings or anti-social behaviour					
A civil penalty issued under UK immigration law					
No, I have never had any of these					
You must tall us about spent as well as unspent convictions. You must tell us about any absolute or conditional discharges you have received for an offence.					
Save and continue					
Return to this application later					
 Show and edit answers 					

On this screen, you will need to declare if any of these apply to you, whether they are spent or unspent. If you need to declare a conviction or are awaiting trial, please contact us for advice, using our contact details at the end of this guide. If you are required to declare a conviction or penalty, you will have to provide further details on the next page, so please ensure that you have that information to hand.

On the pages following this, you will be asked whether you have ever been involved in the following:

- War Crimes
- Involved with Terrorist activities or
- organisations
- Held terrorist views
- Extremist Organisation
- Expressed Extremist views

You should read all of the guidance on each screen and will need to click in the box to confirm that you have read this.

You will then need to declare that you are a person of good character or include any information regarding your character which you wish to make the UKVI aware of.

Your employment history
Have you ever worked for any of the following types of organisation? Include information for any paid or unpaid work. Select all that apply.
Armed Forces (career)
Armed Forces (compulsory national or military service)
Government (including Public or Civil Administration and non-military compulso national service)
Intelligence services
Security organisations (including police and private security services)
Media organisations
Judiciary (including work as a judge or magistrate)
I have not worked in any of the jobs listed above
Save and continue
Return to this application later
Show and edit answers

If you have ever worked in the industries listed (including as an intern), you'll need to select the relevant option. Once you click in one of the boxes, a free text box will appear for you to provide further information about that work. We recommend that you provide brief details of the job title, scope of work and dates that you worked in that organization.



Sponsor licence number and address	
This information is on your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) statement, or contact your sponsor to get their licence number.	These details will be pr please make sure the here and the one on y
What is your sponsor licence number?	Swansea University Sp number is: 18UEHPG
Spansor's address	University address deta
	Swansea University Singleton Park

OR

Swansea University Bay Campus Swansea SA1 8EN



Swansea University is a Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance.



Save and continue

Town/City

Postcode

Place of Study

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What type of sponsor will you be studying with?
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the register is. A Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance will
have the status 'General Student Sponsor – Track Record'.

Independent School

- Higher Education Provider
- Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance
- Overseas Higher Education Provider
- Publicly Funded College
- O Private Provider

What is the difference between a school and a higher education institution?

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Swansea SA2 8PP



If you are being wholly sponsored by an official financial sponsor how will you prove this?

) My Tier 4 sponsor has confirmed this information on my CAS

Letter of official financial sponsorship

) I am not being wholly sponsored

Course information

Course name

Qualification you will get

ask your sponsor institution.

Save and continue

Name of sponsor institution (school/college/university)

Are they going to be a student union sabbatical officer? What is a student union sabbatical officer?

This is the level of the qualification you will receive at the end of your course.

If you are unsure about the level of your qualification, find out what qualification levels mean here or

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Wholly sponsored means that all living costs and tuition fees for your studies are paid by an official financial sponsor.

If you will receive a scholarship or bursary from Swansea, it will usually be deducted from fees owing as shown on your CAS.

Other non- Swansea University scholarships are unlikely to be shown on the CAS therefore you will require an official original letter confirming your scholarship and the amount of funds you will receive.

If you will receive some funding but are not wholly sponsored for all tuition and living costs, you should click 'I am not being wholly sponsored'. If you select this option, you will be required to show that you have sufficient funds to cover the remaining living costs and tuition fees which not paid by an official financial sponsor.

Click '**Save and continue**' once you have selected the correct answer for your circumstances.

The course name and qualification should be entered **as on your CAS.** The qualification you will get will also be confirmed on your CAS. It may be shown as QCF or NQF instead of RQF, **however it is the same**. For example NQF 7 is the same as RQF 7 / SQF 11 on the application form.

As a guide: • RQF6/SCQF9/10 is Bachelors degree level and general course

- RQF7/SCQF11 is Masters degree level
- RQF8/SCQF12 is PhD level



Are you going to be a student union sabbatical officer?
What is a student union sabbatical officer?
A sabbatical officer is a full-time officer elected by the members of a students' union (or similar body such as students' association, students' representative council or guild of students), usually at a higher education establishment such as a university.
Yes No

If you are an elected Sabbatical Officer for SUSU, please click **yes** here and add details.

If you are a new student or if you are continuing on the same programme, you should answer '**No**' and then click '**Save and continue**'.



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Course dates	You should entered dates as sh
Course start date Provide the start date of your main course of study, but do not include any other courses you may be taking before. Enter date in the format DD MM YYYY Day Month Year	If you are applyi complete the sa use the sponsor as your course start date of you
Course end date Day Month Year	
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Accommodation payments

Have you or your parent(s)/legal guardian(s) already paid any money to your sponsor for accommodation?

This is only money paid to your sponsor. For example, this does not include money paid to a private landlord or housing organisation. There is a limit on how much of this will count towards your maintenance requirement, and this is set out in the guidance <u>here</u>



How much has been paid? £
How can you prove this amount has been paid?
Receipts

You should enter your programme start and end dates as shown on your CAS.

If you are applying for a new Student visa to complete the same programme, you should use the sponsorship start date on your CAS as your course start date, not the original start date of your programme.



You can only answer '**Yes'** if you have paid money for accommodation where your contract is with Swansea University. Most students pay for their accommodation after their visa has been approved and would tick '**no'** here.



Swansea University does not show payments made for accommodation on the CAS. If you are **reliant** on payments made to the University (a maximum of £1265 can be used), you must get a receipt and include this with your application.





Check your CAS, the amount of course fees you enter here should match the course fee on your CAS. This is the total amount of fees for the first year of your course (even if your course is more than 1 year long, you just need to provide information about the firstyear course fees).

It is fine if you have not yet paid any fees, you will just need to show that you have sufficient funds to cover the unpaid tuition fees and your living costs.

Tip: We are often asked if paying fees makes the application look stronger. You do not need to pay fees if you are able to evidence you have the money in an account that meets the requirements.

Have you or your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) already paid any of your course fees?
Please select No if your course does not have a fee.
Yes No
How much has been paid? £
How can you prove this amount has been paid?
My sponsor has confirmed this information on my CAS
O Receipts

If you chose **'Yes'** you will be asked to state how much has been paid. You must be able to evidence this amount on your CAS.

If you have recently made a tuition fee payment and are relying on it being shown in your CAS for your application, you can only answer **'Yes'** when you have received your updated Sponsor note from the Admissions team. If you submit your application before your CAS has been updated and declare these fees on the form, you will not meet the Student visa requirements.

You cannot answer '**Yes'** if you only have a bank receipt or a Western Union receipt. Tuition fee payments can only be claimed here if they are shown on the CAS or if you have an official receipt from Swansea University.





If are using an educational loan as evidence, you should answer **'Yes'** to this question. You will then be asked to confirm whether you have already received your loan.

You can only use a loan letter for your Student visa application, if your loan is an educational loan. This letter must meet the requirements outlined in guidance on the <u>VISA Advice web pages.</u>

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Maintenance funds

You must show that you have enough money to cover your course fees and living costs. <u>Read the guidance document</u> to find out how much money you need to show and what documents you can use as evidence.

Are all of the maintenance funds required for this application in a bank account with your name on it?



If you are using your parent(s)/legal guardian(s) bank account to cover some of all of the funds, please select 'No'

You answer **'Yes'** if you are showing all the finances necessary in:

 a bank account in your name or
 a bank account held jointly between you and other(s)

3) you are receiving a scholarship in your name which covers your maintenance4) you are using your spouse's / partner's account, and they already are applying to come to the UK at the same time as you.

You will then need to confirm that you are relying on your parent(s)/legal guardian(s) account in the next section and detail what documents you are using the evidence your relationship.



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You can include any further information about your visa application that you wish the caseworker to know in this section. If there's insufficient space, you can write a cover letter and upload it with your supporting documents.

You will then be given an opportunity to check the answers you have provided on the application form. Please ensure you check everything **carefully** before moving on with the form. Some errors are minor and can be explained in a cover letter. However, some can lead to a refusal e.g. incorrect passport details or evidence of finances or your Student visa being issued to your incorrectly e.g. dates of intended travel.

It is your responsibility to ensure you have completed the form as accurately as possible before submitting it.

After checking your answers, you will be asked to give details of the supporting documents you will provide. You should know what documents you need to provide if you have read our <u>VISA Advice web guidance</u>. If you notice that any documents are missing from the list, or there are documents listed there that should not be, contact the VISA Advice team to check- explaining what you believe the issue to be.

You should also check if you need a TB test certificate and obtain one from an approved clinic before submitting and paying for your Student visa application. Information about TB can be found on the <u>Gov.uk website</u>.

If you required to submit evidence of finances with your visa application, you will then see this screen:



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If you are applying for a visitor visa from a country where travel to the UK is suspended, your application decision may be delayed. Check <u>here</u> for further details.

You must provide evidence showing that you have the required maintenance funds to cover living costs and fees for you and any of your dependants while you are in the UK.

For information on how much money you need to show, <u>refer to the quidance</u> <u>document here</u>. Enter details about the financial evidence you will send. You will be able to provide details of several evidences if you need to.

What evidence is accepted

Financial institution (such as a bank or building society)

Type of evidence

- O Statements from a personal bank or building society account
- Building society passbook

C Letter from a bank, building society or other recognised financial institution

Save and continue

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The evidences you send in need to prove that you have the full amount. If the evidences you have already added do not show this, you should add more evidences row.

Yes No

Return to this application later

Include the name of the financial institution and the type of evidence you will be providing e.g. bank statements.

If you are relying on more than one document, the next screen will allow you to add further evidence

You will then see this screen:

Documents

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Mandatory documents

These documents are mandatory and you must provide them as part of your application. Tick the box to agree that you will provide each document:

The passport or travel document for

Other documents

If you do not provide these documents, your application may be delayed or refused.

Statements from a personal bank or building society account (HSBC)

After you submit your application, you must provide your documents to our commercial partner. You can provide your documents by:

- · uploading copies of your documents yourself through our commercial partner's website, free of charge
- taking your documents (originals or copies) to your appointment where our commercial partner will scan them for you, for a fee

If you choose to pay for the assisted scanning service, all documents (originals or copies) need to be A4 size or you may be charged to make them suitable for scanning

If we require passports, you must take the originals to your appointment. If you have self-uploaded copies on our commercial partner's website you must still take your original passports, but will not be charged for scanning.

Tuberculosis test results

You may need to be tested for tuberculosis (TB). If your test shows that you do not have TB, you will be given a certificate which is valid for 6 months from the date of your x-ray. Include this certificate with your UK visa application. Check if you need to get tested.

Save and continue

Conditions

If your application is successful, there will be conditions on your visa or leave to remain. This will include, for example, whether you are able to work in the UK.

If you stay in the UK without permission:

- You can be detained
- You can be prosecuted, fined and imprisoned
- You can be removed and banned from returning to the UK You will not be allowed to work
- You will not be able to rent a home
- You will not be able to claim any benefits and can be prosecuted if you try to
- You can be charged by the NHS for medical treatment
- You can be denied access to a bank account
- DVLA can prevent you from driving by taking away your driving licence

I confirm that I understand and accept these conditions

Save and continue

Please ensure you read this screen carefully as it explains what can happen if you stay in the UK without permission. You will need to tick the box to confirm that you understand and accept these conditions and then click 'Save and Continue'

You will need to check the tick boxes to confirm that you will be submitting the required evidence. You will not be able to progress past this point until you have done this.

Once you have done this, the next screen will allow you to check your answers.

Once you have checked your answers, you will see 'Conditions' on the next screen.



Declaration

By sending this application, you confirm that to the best of your knowledge and belief the following is correct:

- the information relating to the application
- the supporting evidence

Lagree to the terms and conditions

I understand that the data I have given can be used as set out in the privacy policy

I consent to organisations, including financial institutions, providing information to the Home Office when requested in relation to this application.

I have discussed with any other applicants that I am acting on behalf of, and confirmed that the contents of the application are correct and complete.

I understand th	at if false inforn	nation is given,	the application	can be refused	and I may be

prosecuted, and, if I am the applicant, I may be banned from the UK.
I confirm that:
I am the applicant aged 18 or over
I am the applicant aged under 18
I am the parent or legal guardian of the applicant who is aged

) I am the parent or legal guardian of the applicant who is aged under 18 and completing and submitting the form on their behalf

) I am submitting the form on behalf of the applicant

I accept the above

Once you accept the declaration you cannot change any of your answers.

By agreeing to this declaration, you are confirming that all information you have provided is correct. Providing incorrect or false information can have serious implications.



DO NOT SUBMIT AND PAY FOR YOUR APPLICATION UNTIL YOU HAVE PREPARED YOUR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.

YOU MUST PROVE THAT YOU MEET THE RULES ON THE DAY YOU APPLY FOR YOUR VISA (THE DATE YOU SUBMIT AND PAY ONLINE) NOT ON THE DAY OF YOUR APPOINTMENT

Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS)

You must pay your Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) before you can complete your visa application. You will pay your IHS on another website, then return to this site to complete and pay for your application.

If you are exempt, you will still need to get a reference number from the IHS website.

Your IHS reference number will automatically be included on your application once you pay and return to this site.

Go to IHS website

Save and continue

You will be sent to the section for the Immigration Healthcare Surcharge (IHS).

Click on **'Go to IHS website'**. You'll then need to pay the IHS. You can check how much you'll need to pay here: <u>Pay for UK</u> <u>healthcare as part of your immigration</u> <u>application: How much you have to pay -</u> <u>GOV.UK</u> It is currently £776 per year of the visa plus the additional time on the visa.

On the first IHS webpage, you will just need to read the information about the cost. Click **'Continue'** after reading that page.



Summary

Missing Details

Your Location

re you applying from within the UK?

No

No

Jersey or Guernsey

Yes

Yes

Your details

- Add where you are planning to stay Add your course start date Add your course end date Add whether you are continuing a course
- Add whether you are continuing a co Add the location of your course

The information taken from your visa application can't be changed or removed. If you'd like to change or remove this information you must start your visa application again.

You need to state whether you are applying to stay in the Isle of Man

Are you applying to stay in the Isle of Man, Jersey or Guernsey?

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You'll see a '**Summary**' page. You'll need to enter all the information requested in the red hyperlinks to be able to proceed with your IHS payment.



First click '**Add where you are planning to stay'.** You will then see this screen.

As you are applying outside the UK, answer '**No'** to the first question.

For the second question about staying in the Isle of Man, Jersey or Guernsey, you should answer '**No**'.

Click 'Save and continue' when you've answered and return to the summary screen. You must then check that the details in the form about your name, email address, nationality and visa route are correct (which they should be because it is taken from the information you provided in your online visa application). You will then need to select your title (Mr / Ms / Mrs etc), the start and end dates of your course as listed on your CAS and whether you are continuing on the same course for which you were last given a Tier 4 /Student visa.

If you are happy that you have provided true and accurate information, you must agree to this declaration to proceed to the payment. The next screen will tell you how much you have to pay in your local currency, click on **'Pay now'** to complete the payment.



Declaration

I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, my details are correct and complete.

If I give false information, I, or a person named on this application could be:

• stopped from entering the UK now or in the future

- required to leave or removed from the UK
- required to pay extra for healthcare in the UK

I agree to the <u>terms and conditions</u> and <u>how my information will be</u> used.

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You will then proceed to the payment for the visa application. At that stage, you may also be able to book optional services and book the visa appointment. We cannot provide specific guidance on the payment screens as it varies by country.

I think I have made a mistake on my application form. What should I do? <u>Contact the VISA Advice team</u> <u>immediately.</u> Some mistakes are minor and are unlikely to affect your application. However, some errors can lead to a refusal e.g. failing to declare a past refusal or an application made for a UK visa.

We hope this helped you complete your application form swiftly and easily.

Good luck with it and we hope to see you very soon in wonderful Swansea!

VISA Advice team

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