CITY OF GLASGOW COLLEGE

Student Route Visa Requirements

For International Students

The below information is correct as of March 2026, but may be subject to change by UK Visas and Immigration.

Financial requirements (living costs)

- You must have enough money to pay for your course and support yourself in the UK. You will need to show you have enough money to support yourself in the UK by meeting the financial requirements, unless you've been in the UK with a valid visa for at least 12 months on the date of your application.
- The maintenance amount is currently set at £10,539. This means that you must be able to demonstrate that you hold this amount in your account for a consecutive 28 days in order to qualify for a Student Route Visa. When you apply for your visa, your bank statements or pass books showing the 28 days must be no more than 31 days old.

  Joint accounts can be used as long as you are named on the account. The applicant, or account holder must have control of the funds.

  Funds may be held in the form of personal bank or building society account (including current, deposit and savings) provided the account allows the funds to be accessed immediately. Funds held in other accounts such as shares, bonds, credit cards, pensions from which the funds cannot be withdrawn immediately will not be accepted.

  If you are submitting your parents' bank statements as proof of maintenance then you must also include your birth certificate and a letter from your parent(s) confirming their relationship to you and that they consent to their money being used for the purposes of your study in the UK.

Bank statements must contain the following:

- Your full name or parent's full name
- Account Number
- Bank's name and logo
- Bank's stamp on each page of statement

Pass books must contain the following:

- Your full name or parent's full name
- Account Number
- Bank's name and logo
- Original pass book must be submitted

Overdraft facilities will not be counted towards meeting financial requirements.

Please note funds will not be considered by UKVI if they are held in a financial institution where any of the following apply:

- UKVI is unable to make satisfactory verification checks; or
- the financial institution is not regulated by the appropriate regulatory body for the country in which that institution is operating; or
- the financial institution does not use electronic record keeping.

Educational Loans

If you are using an educational loan as proof of your maintenance funds, your loan letter must include the following information:

- Your name
- Date of the letter (must be no more than 6 months before the date of your visa application)
- Financial institution's name and logo
- Confirm the money available as a loan
- Confirm that the money available is provided by either the relevant

government or a government sponsored Student loan company or an academic or educational loans scheme

- There must be no conditions of the funds being released to you (other than your visa application being successful)
- The letter must be submitted as original copy
- The loan funds must be available to you before you travel to the UK (unless you are in receipt of a student/academic loan from your national government and this will be released to you on arrival in the UK)
- Confirm that the financial institution is regulated either by the Financial Conduct Authority, the Prudential Regulatory Authority or by the official regulatory body for the purpose of issuing student loans in the country the institution is in and where the money is held.

Financially Sponsored Students

If you will be financially sponsored by a company for your studies, you do not need to submit bank statements. The Sponsoring Company will provide a letter confirming your sponsorship to be submitted with your application.

College Halls of Residence

For students staying at the College Halls of Residence, if you pay up to £1529 as your accommodation deposit, this will be deducted from the amount of maintenance that you need to demonstrate for visa.

Course Fees

- You must pay the course fee in full before your CAS will be issued
- When sending payment any charges should be selected as “OUR” as opposed to “SHA”
- You can find further information here: **www.cityofglasgowcollege.ac.uk/studying-city/international-students/course-prices-and-living-costs**

Academic Qualifications

- You must provide the original copy of the qualification mentioned in your CAS statement when you apply for your visa
- If your qualification certificate is not in English, a fully certified and original translation from a professional translator or translation company that can be verified by UKVI must be submitted with your visa application. The translation must mention the date and contain the full name, signature and contact details of the translator and confirm that it is an accurate translation of the document.

English Language

- You should include the original copy of your UKVI Approved Secure English Language Test (if applicable) with your visa application

Applying For Your Visa

- You will be required to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge of £776 (per year) when applying for your visa, which is a payment to ensure that you have access to the National Health Service once in the UK
- UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) have introduced a digital immigration system. This means that Students now receive an eVisa which is an online record of your immigration status and the conditions of your permission to enter or stay in the UK. You need to create a UKVI account to be able to access your eVisa. Please refer to our eVisa Guide for Students for more info.
- Students from some countries will be required to undertake a tuberculosis test. Check if your country is listed here: **https://www.gov.uk/tb-test-visa/countries-where-you-need-a-tb-test-to-enter-the-uk**. If this applies to you, you must book a tuberculosis test (chest x-ray) at a Home Office approved centre and include the certificate with your visa application. A list of Home Office approved centres for TB testing can be found here: **www.gov.uk/tb-test-visa/overview.**
- You must get a share code to prove your immigration status before you travel to the UK. Once the share code is generated it must be emailed to International Office: international@cityofglasgowcollege.ac.uk. You need to check the visa dates and details are correct and must not travel to the UK earlier than the start date of your eVisa. Please refer to our eVisa Guide for Students for more info.
- If you receive a visa refusal, please send us a scanned copy of your refusal notice as soon as possible
- You may be able apply to extend your Student Route visa in the UK to study at a Higher Education Provider

Employment

Students sponsored under the student route at City of Glasgow College are currently permitted to work 10 hours per week and full time during official college holidays.

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