



THE UNIVERSITY *of* EDINBURGH

Visa Application Guidance

Graduate Route

Disclaimer: This document was created and revised in January 2024 . It is important to note that the application format and how questions are phrased can be altered or changed by the UKVI at any time. This document should only be used as a guide for understanding the application process, and it addresses any questions, which are frequently asked by our students applying for the Graduate route visa. Please be aware that the order of questions on the application form can change or new questions may be added by the UKVI in the future. If you notice anything significantly different on the application form, which is not in this guide then please [inform us](#).

This guide is for the University of Edinburgh students who are completing their Graduate route visa application from inside the UK. You should apply once the University has notified UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) of your eligibility for the Graduate route visa and we have sent you a reminder of what your last CAS number which you need for the application.

[A Guide to the Graduate Route | The University of Edinburgh](#)

It is very important to answer all the questions honestly and accurately according to your situation and personal circumstances.

Contents

Are you ready to apply?	4
STEP 1: Applying as a Graduate & screening questions	5
Where are you planning to live?	6
Do you have a current EU, EEA, or Swiss passport?	6
Information for EU/EEA nationals*	6
Do you have a UK biometric residence permit (BRP)?	7
Is your name on your biometric residence permit the same as on your current passport?	8
Check you can use the app	8
STEP 2: Creating a UK Visas and Immigration account	9
Who is completing this application form?	9
What is your country of nationality?	9
Enter your biometric residence permit details	10
What is your date of birth?	10
What is your name?	10
What is your email address?	11
What is your phone number?	11
Check your answers before you create your account	12
STEP 3: Signing in to your UKVI application account	12
What identity document did you use in your application?	12
What is your biometric residence card or permit number?	13
What is your date of birth?	13
How do you want to receive a security code?	13
Your applications	13
STEP 4: Confirming your identity using 'UK Immigration: ID Check' app	14
Using the UK Immigration: ID Check app	14
STEP 5: Complete the visa application form	15
Your location	15
Other Home Office applications	15
Immigration adviser	15
Course – Have you successfully completed your course?	15
Doctorate Extension Scheme	16
Your name	16
Any other names	16
Can we use this email address to contact you?	17

Provide your telephone number.....	17
Provide your postal address.....	17
About this property.....	18
Previous address history.....	18
Your sex and relationship status.....	19
Your nationality, country and date of birth.....	19
Your passport.....	19
Your identity card.....	20
Your other nationalities.....	20
Immigration Status.....	20
Eligible course.....	21
Track record of compliance.....	21
Your biometric residence permit (BRP).....	21
Your National Insurance Number.....	22
Driving licence.....	22
World travel history.....	22
Immigration history.....	23
Breach of UK immigration law.....	23
Medical treatment in the UK.....	23
Public funds.....	24
Convictions and other penalties.....	24
War crimes.....	25
Terrorist activities, organisations and views.....	25
Extremist organisations and views.....	25
Person of good character.....	26
Your employment history.....	26
Official financial sponsor.....	27
Check your answers.....	27
Additional applicant.....	27
Documents.....	28
Conditions.....	28
STEP 6: Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) and Application Payment.....	29
Application payment.....	29
FURTHER ACTIONS.....	29
CONTACT US.....	29

Are you ready to apply?

You should only apply for the Graduate route visa if:

- You have received email from the University confirming that your successful completion has been reported to UKVI. This email will also provide the CAS number you need to apply
- You are inside the UK
- You have a valid Student Visa at time of application
- You have checked you meet other eligibility or validity requirements [A Guide to the Graduate Route | The University of Edinburgh](#)

Please be aware that if you apply before successful completion has been reported to UKVI, your application could be refused.

STEP 1: Applying as a Graduate & screening questions

To apply for a Graduate route visa you will need to visit: <https://www.gov.uk/graduate-visa/apply>

Once you have read the information on this page, under 'Apply for a Graduate visa' section, you will see a link to start an application. You will need to apply from inside the UK.

Graduate visa

Contents

- [Overview](#)
- [The course you studied](#)
- [How much it costs](#)
- [Documents you'll need to apply](#)
- [Apply](#)
- [Your partner and children](#)

Apply

You must apply online for a Graduate visa.

Check which [documents you'll need to apply](#).

Your [partner or children](#) will need to apply separately.

Proving your identity and providing supporting documents

As part of your application, you'll need to prove your identity.

You usually do this by scanning your biometric residence permit (BRP) with the 'UK Immigration: ID Check' app. If you're from the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein, scan your passport instead.

You'll need to sign into an existing UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) account, or create a new one.

If you cannot scan your BRP or passport with the app, you'll be asked to get your fingerprints and photograph taken at a [UK Visa and Citizenship Application Services \(UKVCAS\)](#) service point.

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

If you do need an appointment, the centre may need to keep your passport and documents while they process your application.

You must not travel outside of the UK, Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man until you get a decision. Your application will be withdrawn if you do.

Apply for a Graduate visa

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

[Start now >](#)

You will need to answer the following questions to proceed with your application.

Where are you planning to live?

Answer this question according to where you plan to live. For example, if you are planning to live in the UK, answer to this question will be 'England, Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland'.

Where are you planning to live?

- England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland
- Jersey, Guernsey or the Isle of Man

Continue

Do you have a current EU, EEA, or Swiss passport?

Answer this question as applicable.

If your answer is "No" to this question then go to next question, "Do you have a UK biometric residence permit (BRP)?" – see page 8.

Do you have a current EU, EEA or Swiss passport?

The EEA includes the EU countries and Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway

- Yes
- No

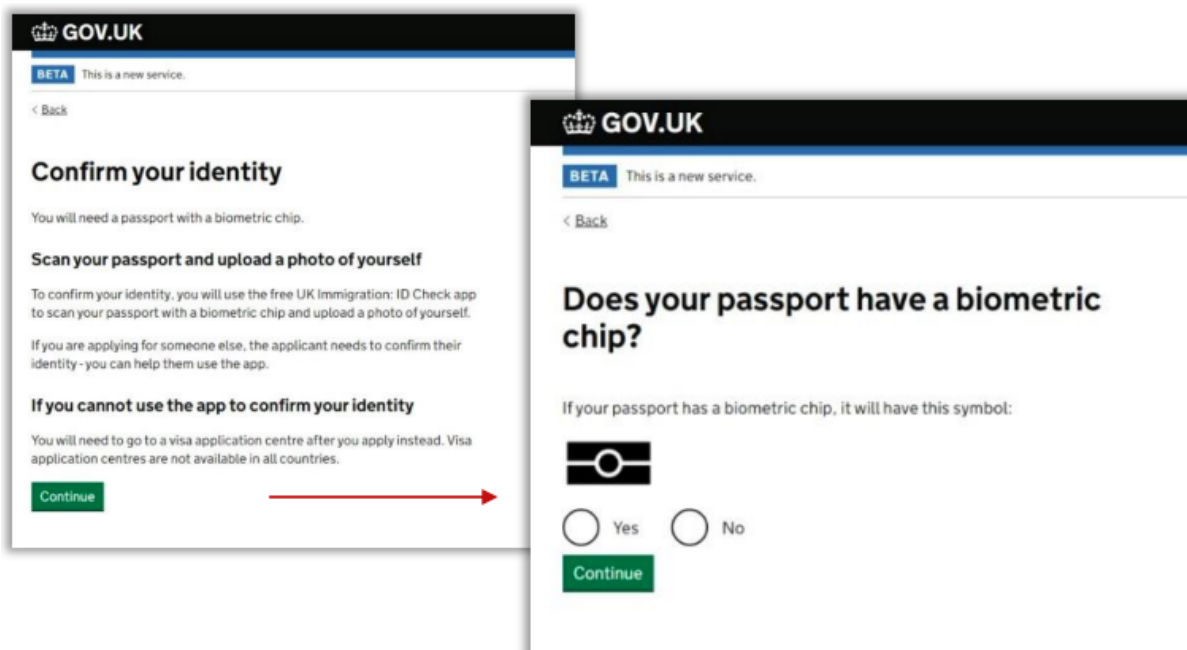
Continue

Information for EU/EEA nationals*

*This information is only applicable to EU, EEA or Swiss passport holders.

If you are an EU/EEA national, and have a **current EU, EEA or Swiss passport**, you will be taken through a number of screens to identify if you can use the free **UK Immigration: ID Check app** to scan your passport with a biometric chip and upload a photo of yourself. If you are able to use the app then you'll complete your entire application online. If you cannot use the app then you'll need to go to attend an in-person appointment after you apply. Your visa will be granted as a 'Digital Status' and you'll receive an email confirmation once the application is successful.

Please see the screen shots below for your information.



Check you can use the app

You can use the app on:

- an iPhone 7 or newer models
- an Android phone with near-field communication (NFC)

Check the phone's settings to see if it has NFC. The phone has NFC if you can use it to make contactless payments.

If you do not have a phone

Ask a friend or family member if you can use their phone. No information is stored on the app or phone after you close it.

You do not have to apply on the phone – you can do the rest of your application on your computer or another device.

We will send your decision letter by email – this can be your email or someone else's. You do not use your decision letter to prove your status.

[Continue](#)

[I do not have a phone that can use the app](#)

[I am applying in the UK and I cannot receive my decision letter by email](#)

If you cannot use ID check app, then you will need to go to a visa application centre after you apply.

Please use the link below to find your nearest visa application centre:

<https://www.ukvcas.co.uk/locations>

If you can use the app then click 'Continue' and then 'Create an account' on the next page to start your online application.

Create a UK Visas and Immigration account

To use this service, you need to create an account.

Once you have an account, you can use it to confirm your identity, apply and use other Home Office services.

What you need

You will need your:

- date of birth
- passport
- email address
- phone number

If you need to give someone application access so they can apply for you, you also need their email address and phone number.

Who can create an account

You can create an account for yourself or someone else in some cases - for example, your young child.

[Create an account](#)

[I need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme](#)

Sign in

Do you have a UK biometric residence permit (BRP)?

You will need your BRP to confirm your identity using the immigration ID check app to proceed with your application. If you do not have a BRP card or have lost your BRP card then please select "No".

You will then be redirected to a version of the application which you will be able to complete without needing your BRP card.

Do you have a valid UK biometric residence permit (BRP)?

You will need your BRP to confirm your identity. If you have lost your BRP, select No.

Yes No

[Continue](#)

Is your name on your biometric residence permit the same as on your current passport?

The answer to this question should be “Yes” as the name on your BRP card should match your passport.

If the name on your BRP card does not match your passport, you will be redirected to a version of the application which you will be able to complete

Is your name on your biometric residence permit the same as on your current passport?

Yes No

Continue

Check you can use the app

Please read the information on the website to ensure that you have a compatible phone/handset to be able to use the app to proceed with your application. If you don't have a compatible phone, you can ask a friend or family member and can use their device to complete the ID check using the app. The app does not store/save any personal information and simply a mean to complete the biometric ID check.

If you can use the app then please click 'Continue' to proceed with your application.

Check you can use the app

You can use the app on:

- an iPhone 7 or newer models
- an Android phone with near-field communication (NFC)

Check the phone's settings to see if it has NFC. The phone has NFC if you can use it to make contactless payments.

If you do not have a phone

Ask a friend or family member if you can use their phone. No information is stored on the app or phone after you close it.

You do not have to apply on the phone - you can do the rest of your application on your computer or another device.

We will send your decision letter by email – this can be your email or someone else's. You do not use your decision letter to prove your status.

Continue

[I do not have a phone that can use the app](#)

[I am applying in the UK and I cannot receive my decision letter by email](#)

If you do not have access to a compatible phone or cannot use the app then please click the links available and you will be directed to the standard old version of the application form.

Please note that this guide only covers the application process when using the ID check app. If you are not able to use the app and are completing a standard version of the application, you should still be able to use this guide for assistance on the questions in the application as the visa application questions would more or less be the same. The order in which they appear and how they are phrased may differ slightly.

STEP 2: Creating a UK Visas and Immigration account

Click 'Create an account' to continue with your application.

Create a UK Visas and Immigration account

To use this service, you need to create an account.

Once you have an account, you can use it to confirm your identity, apply and use other Home Office services.

What you need

You will need your:

- date of birth
- passport
- email address
- phone number

If you need to give someone application access so they can apply for you, you also need their email address and phone number.

Who can create an account

You can create an account for yourself or someone else in some cases - for example, your young child.

[Create an account](#)

[I need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme](#)

Sign in

You will be required to answer the following questions (as shown in the screenshots below) to create your account. Please answer them accurately to proceed with your application.

Who is completing this application form?

Please select 'Myself' if completing the application for yourself.

Create account

Who are you creating this account for?

- Myself
- Someone else

[Continue](#)

What is your country of nationality?

Please type in and select your nationality from the drop-down menu list.

Create account

What is your country of nationality?

If you have more than one, use the nationality in the identity document you are going to apply with. Use the English spelling or the country code.

[Continue](#)

Enter your biometric residence permit details

Please use your current valid BRP card and provide the required details.

Create account

Enter your biometric residence permit details

Your biometric residence permit details will be linked to your account. Whenever you sign in to your account you will need to enter your biometric residence permit number.



Biometric residence permit number

For example, 'RAX203829'

Expiry date

For example, 29 12 2025

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Continue

What is your date of birth?

Please provide your date of birth.

Create account

What is your date of birth?

For example, 29 3 1976. When you sign in to your account you will need to enter your date of birth.

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

[▶ Help with date of birth](#)

Continue

What is your name?

Please provide your name as requested.

Create account

What is your name?

Enter your name as it is written in your identity document. Use the English spelling if it is written in 2 languages.

If you do not have both a given name and surname, enter your name in the 'Surname' field.

Given names

Your first and middle names

Surname

Include all your surnames

Continue

What is your email address?

Please provide your personal and reliable email address. You should use an email address that you can access and check regularly. This email address will be used by UKVI for any communications related to your application.

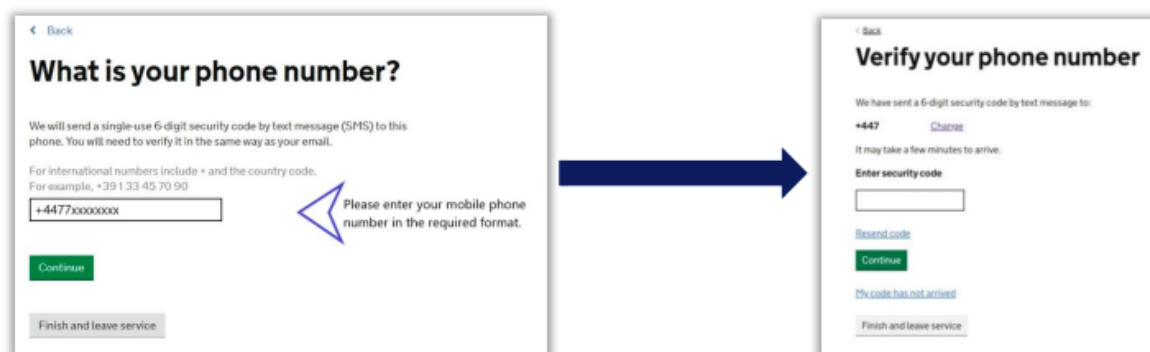
We recommend you use an internationally recognised email server such as Outlook, Hotmail, Yahoo, Gmail or similar, if possible, to avoid difficulties with firewalls for local servers.



Please check your email and verify your email using 6-digit security code received in an email.

What is your phone number?

Please provide your mobile number in the required format.



Please check your phone and verify your phone number using 6-digit security code received by text message.

Do you want to add a helper to your account?

If you would like someone else to have access to your application, you can do that by answering this question. Please note that you are not required to give someone access, if you do not wish to or to proceed with the application. You'll need to provide their email address and mobile number. You will need verification security code from them to be able to continue with your application.

Create account

Do you want to add a helper to your account?

This could be a friend, family member or immigration adviser who is helping you with your online application. You can remove their access to your account at any time.

Yes No

[Continue](#)

Check your answers before you create your account
Please check all the details you have provided are correct before confirming. Click 'Create Account' to create your visa application account.

Create account
Check your answers before you create your account

Identity document

Document type		
Document number		Change
Expiry date		Change
Name		Change
Nationality		Change
Date of birth		Change

Account security

Email address	
Phone number	

[Create account](#)

STEP 3: Signing in to your UKVI application account

Once the account is created, click 'Sign in' to sign in to your application account.



We have sent you an email to confirm you have created an account.

Sign in to your UKVI account to start your application

What you need to sign in:

- your identity document number
- your date of birth
- access to your phone or email

We will send you a security code to your email or phone that will let you sign in.

[Sign in](#)

What identity document did you use in your application?

Please select "Biometric residence card or permit"

For EU / EEA nationals, this will be your 'Passport' so please select "Passport" and proceed accordingly.

Sign in

What identity document did you use in your application?

If you have updated your identity document since you applied, you must use the details of the updated document to sign in.


- Passport
- National identity card
- Biometric residence card or permit

[Continue](#)

What is your biometric residence card or permit number?

Please provide your BRP card number.

Sign in What is your biometric residence card or permit number?



Biometric residence card or permit number
For example, 120382978

[Continue](#)

What is your date of birth?

Please enter your date of birth.

Sign in What is your date of birth?

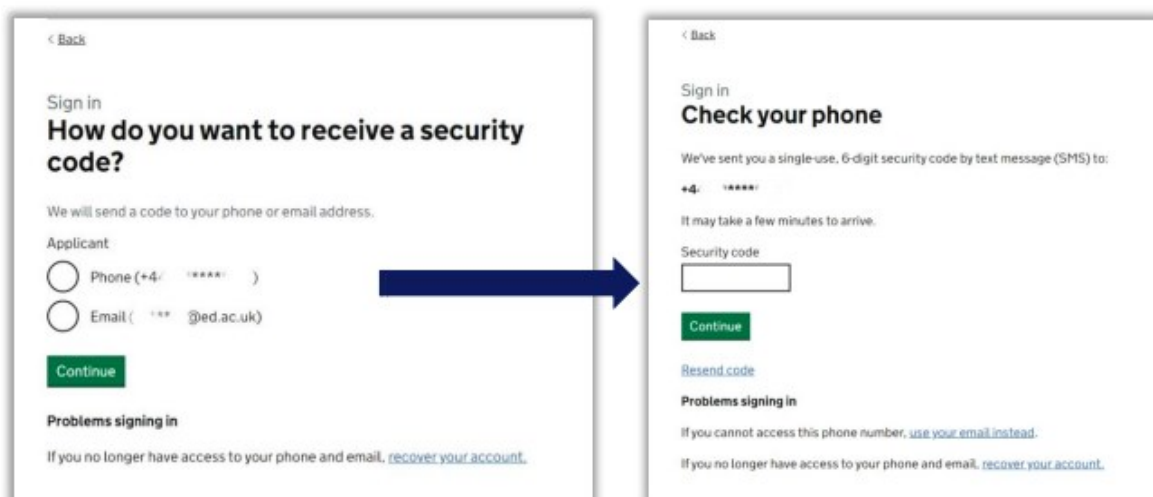
You should enter this as shown on your biometric residence card or permit, for example, 31 3 1980

Day Month Year

[Continue](#)

How do you want to receive a security code?

Please select “Phone” or “Email”. You will be sent a security code on the selected option, which you will need to enter to continue with your application.



Your applications

You will be shown the created application and the “Unique application number”. This is the reference number for your application.

Click “Continue application” to proceed with your application.

Your applications

Graduate
Started: 15 November 2023
Unique application number: [REDACTED]
Continue application Delete

Choose a different application

Go to GOV.UK to and [apply for something else](#)

STEP 4: Confirming your identity using 'UK Immigration: ID Check' app

Click **"Confirm your identity"** to complete the biometrics process using the **"UK Immigration: ID Check"** app.

Apply as a Graduate

Unique application number (UAN): 3424 5202 6608 8502

Date started: 15 November 2023
 Download application (PDF copy)
If you no longer want to continue, [delete this application](#).

1. Identity and contact

[Confirm your identity](#)

Immigration advice details

Contact preferences

Other names and nationalities



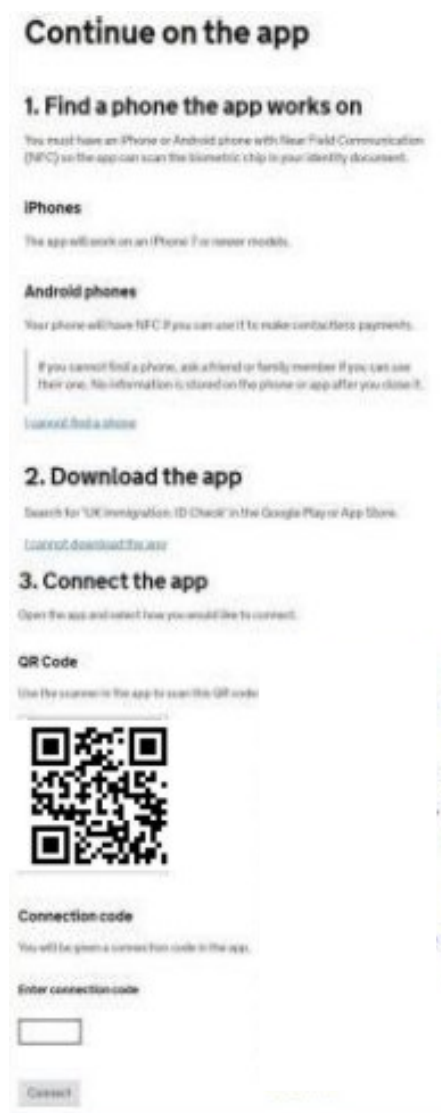
Using the UK Immigration: ID Check app

Please see Useful Guide & video to using ID App and follow detailed instructions on app:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/usingthe-uk-immigration-id-check-app>

- Download ID app
- Use the same document with biometric chip symbol as you did to create your UKVI account
- Connect app using QR code to your application
- Take picture of photo page in passport ensuring you include entire page
- Scan passport or BRP to find biometric chip using app on your phone
- Scan face if aged 10 or over
- Take photo of yourself
- Once you have confirmed identity, you can complete the rest of the application on that device or any PC, laptop, table, smartphone.

If you cannot use the app, you will need to confirm your identity and apply using standard version of the application. You will also need to attend an appointment to have your fingerprints and photo taken after you apply. You should still be able to use this guide for assistance on the questions in the application as the visa application questions would more or less be the same.



STEP 5: Complete the visa application form

Your location

You must answer “Yes”. Graduate visa applications cannot be made from outside the UK.

You will also need to enter the **first** date you arrived in the UK for your current programme of study.

Your location

Are you in the UK?

Yes No

When did you first arrive in the UK on your current visa?

[Check the date](#) by which you must have entered the UK to be eligible for this route

Enter the date in the format DD MM YYYY

Day Month Year

Save and continue

Other Home Office applications

Answer “No” unless you have another outstanding visa application with UKVI.

Other Home Office applications

Do you currently have an application with the Home Office for leave to remain for which you have not yet received a decision?

If you have submitted any other applications to the Home Office which have not yet been decided then submitting this application varies those previous applications. This means that only this application, which you are now completing, will now be considered.

Yes No

Save and continue

Immigration adviser

Answer “No” where you are completing your application form for yourself. If an external OISC immigration adviser or lawyer / solicitor is applying on your behalf, then they will need to enter their details.

Immigration adviser

Do you have an immigration adviser based in the UK?

Immigration advisers can advise you on matters relating to immigration and citizenship. For more information, click [here](#).

Yes No

Save and continue

Course – Have you successfully completed your course?

Answer “Yes” if you have received the email from the University confirming that your successful completion has been reported to UKVI. If you have not yet received this, you will not meet all visa requirements. If you require further advise, please contact us.

Course

Have you successfully completed your course?

You must have received notification that you have passed your course

Yes No

Save and continue

Doctorate Extension Scheme

Answer “No” if you have not previously been granted permission under the Doctorate Extension Scheme.

The Doctorate Extension Scheme is a type of visa which closed to new applicants in June 2021. You cannot apply for the Graduate Route visa if you have ever been granted permission under the Doctorate Extension Scheme.

Doctorate Extension Scheme

Have you previously been granted permission under the Doctorate Extension Scheme?

The Doctorate Extension Scheme operated as part of the Student route and gave students completing a PhD or other doctoral qualifications a non-extendible 12 months period of permission from the expected completion date of their course

Yes No

Save and continue

Your name

Enter your name, as shown in your current passport or travel document.

Your name

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

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 names. You must tell us all your given names.

[I do not have a current passport or travel document](#)

Title

Given name(s)

Your given name is usually your first name.

Family name

Your family name is the surname shared by your family.

[I do not have both a given name and a family name](#)

Save and continue

Any other names

If you are or have ever been known by any other names, please select “Yes” and provide the details as required in the following questions.

Any other names

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.

Yes No

Save and continue

Can we use this email address to contact you?

Confirm your email address.

We recommend that you use your personal email that you will check regularly after your studies, rather than your @sms.ed.ac.uk email account.

Can we use this email address to contact you?

If possible, we will use this email as your correspondence address. We will use this to contact you about your application and may use it to contact you about your immigration status after your application has been decided. If your application is successful, we may issue a [biometric residence permit \(BRP\)](#) to you. We will use this email address to make the arrangements to deliver the BRP to you. Emails may go to your spam, junk or trash folders.

You must notify us immediately if your email changes. [Find out how to change your details here.](#)

Yes No

[Save and continue](#)

Provide your telephone number

Please provide your contact number on which you can be contacted, preferably a UK contact number.

Provide your telephone number

Only include numbers, and for international numbers include the country code. We may contact you by telephone if we have any further questions about your application, or about your immigration status after your application has been decided. This may be a home, work or mobile number.

You must notify us immediately if the contact telephone number you provide as part of this application changes. [Find out how to change your details here.](#)

I cannot be contacted by telephone

Where do you use this telephone number?

You can select more than one option

For use whilst in the UK

For use whilst out of the UK

[Save and continue](#)

Provide your postal address

Provide your current address details.

Provide an address which you can receive correspondence. If you are to receive a BRP card, this is the address it will be posted to. You cannot use the University or post office address for this.

Provide your postal address

We may use this address to send sensitive personal information and important documents such as your [biometric residence permit](#). If we can't contact you by email, we will use this postal address. We may use this address for correspondence about your application and may use it to contact you about your immigration status after your application has been decided.

You must notify us immediately if your postal address changes. [Find out how to update your details here](#)

If you live in a flat and your flat number is not showing when using the postcode lookup, enter your address manually.

Enter a UK postcode

[Find UK address](#)

[Enter address manually](#)

Is this where you live?

Yes No

[Save and continue](#)

About this property

Select which option applies to your home:

In most cases, you will be renting. If so, you will be asked to provide details of your landlord or owner of the property you are living in.

About this property

Select which option applies to your home:

- I own it
- I rent it
- Other

Save and continue



I rent it

Provide contact details for your landlord

Landlord's name

This may be the name of a company or a person

Landlord's telephone number

Landlord's address

Town/City

Postal code (if applicable)

Province/Region/State

Country

Other

Save and continue

Previous address history

If you have not lived at the address provided for **2 years** then you will be required to provide your history of your previous address(es) covering the last 2 years from the date of your application.

Provide a history of your previous address(es) and complete this section as required.

Previous address history

Is this a UK address?

- Yes
- No

When did you start living at this address?

Enter date in the format MM/YYYY

Month Year

When did you stop living at this address?

Enter date in the format MM/YYYY

Month Year

Save and continue

Your sex and relationship status

Answer the questions about your sex and relationship status.

Your sex will need to be entered as shown on your passport or travel document.

Provide details of your relationship status.

Your nationality, country and date of birth

Provide details of your nationality, country / place of birth, and date of birth.

For this section, we would advise you to list the nationality you used as part of your latest Tier 4 / Student visa. If you have more than one nationality, you will be able to add these later in the application.

Your passport

Please use your current passport to complete this section. You must use a valid passport on the date of application, but there is no minimum period of validity required.

If you hold more than one nationality, we would advise you to use the nationality you used as part of your latest Tier 4 / Student visa.

Your sex and relationship status

What is your sex, as shown in your passport or travel document?

- Male
- Female
- Unspecified

What is your relationship status?

[I am unsure of my current relationship status](#)

Save and continue

Your nationality, country and date of birth

Country of nationality

If you have previous or additional nationalities, you will be able to add these later in the application.

Country of birth

Place of birth

Enter your place of birth (for example, the city or province), as shown on your passport or travel document.

Date of birth

For example, 31 3 2020

Day Month Year

Save and continue

Your passport

Do you have a valid passport?

Use your passport to complete this section. If you cannot supply your current and valid passport as part of your application, select No.

- Yes
- No

Passport number

Issuing authority

On your passport this could also be referred to as 'country of issue' or 'place of issue'.

Issue date

For example, 31 3 2020

Day Month Year

Expiry date

For example, 31 3 2020

Day Month Year

Confirm you can provide this passport

- I can provide this passport if required

Save and continue

Your identity card

An identity card is an official document issued by your country of nationality that can be used to prove your identity. Social security cards and driving licences are not considered ID cards for this purpose. You do not need to enter your passport details here.

If you have a National Identity Card linked to your nationality, select **“Yes”** and provide details.

If you do not have a National Identity Card linked to your nationality, select **“No”** and progress to the next section.

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

National identity card number

Provide the number as shown on your identity card

Issuing authority

On your identity card, this could also be referred to as 'country of issue' or 'place of issue'.

Issue date (if applicable)

Enter date in the format DD MM YYYY

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Expiry date (if applicable)

Enter date in the format DD MM YYYY

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Save and continue

Your other nationalities

If you currently hold, or have previously held any other nationalities or citizenships (such as a 'dual nationality') you should enter the details here.

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

Immigration Status

You must have a Student visa. You cannot apply if your Student visa has expired or if you have switched to another immigration category.

You must also have a Certificate of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number.

Enter the CAS number included in the email from the University confirming that your successful completion has been reported to UKVI. If you have not yet received this, you need to stop and wait for this email before applying for the Graduate visa.

Immigration status

Do you have a Student visa?

Your current or last permission must have been as a Student. This could be entry clearance or permission to stay as a Student or T4 Student

Yes No

Do you have a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number?

The CAS should be from your current or most recent course of study

Yes No

What is your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number?

For example, E5V1463ZL2X000

Save and continue

Eligible course

Your answer to this question should be “Yes”.

Check the ‘Qualification Requirement’ here:

[A Guide to the Graduate Route | The University of Edinburgh](#)

Eligible course

Did you study an eligible course?

Your course is eligible if it was an undergraduate or postgraduate degree, a PhD, or it is on the [list of other eligible courses](#)

Yes No

Save and continue

Track record of compliance

Your answer to this question should be “Yes”.

The University of Edinburgh meets this requirement.

Track record of compliance

Did you study at a higher education provider with a track record of compliance?

If you are unsure, check if your university or college is listed as 'student sponsor-track record' on the [register of student sponsors](#).

Yes No

Save and continue

Your biometric residence permit (BRP)

It is likely that your current Tier 4 / Student visa is in the form of a biometric residence permit, unless you are an EU / EEA national that applied using the ID Check app.

If you have ever had a biometric residence permit for the UK, select “Yes” to this question. If you are able to, you should then provide details of your biometric residence permit in the next section or provide the reason why you cannot provide this. You will usually not need to provide your physical BRP card with your application, unless you have to attend a UKVCAS appointment or have not been able to use the ID Check app.

Your biometric residence permit (BRP)

Have you ever had a biometric residence permit for the UK?

A biometric residence permit (BRP) is a card with your name, nationality and picture. It describes your entitlement to be in the UK.

Yes No

Save and continue

Providing your biometric residence permit (BRP)

Are you able to provide a biometric residence permit (BRP) card with this application?

Read guidance about [what a BRP is](#) and [see examples](#) of what they look like and where to find the BRP number.

Yes

Enter your BRP number

- No, I have lost my BRP or it has been stolen
- No, I have already sent my BRP to the Home Office
- No, I cannot provide a BRP

Save and continue



Your National Insurance Number

If you have a national insurance number, **provide the number**.

You can find your national insurance number listed on your payslip, if you are not sure what it is.

If you do not have a national insurance number, select **“I do not have a National Insurance number”**.

Your National Insurance number

What is your current National Insurance number?

Example QQ 12 34 56 C

I do not have a National Insurance number

Save and continue

Driving licence

Answer the question about whether you hold a UK driving licence. If you answer yes, you will be asked to provide your driving licence number. This is the long number on the front of the card.

If you have a provisional licence, you can also include details here.

Driving licence

Do you have a UK driving licence?

Yes No

Save and continue

World travel history

Please select **“Yes”** if you have visited any countries other than UK, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland or the European Economic Area in the past 5 years.

If not then select **“No”**.

World travel history

Have you been to any other countries in the past 5 years?

Do not include visits to the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland or the European Economic Area.

[Which countries are part of the European Economic Area \(EEA\)?](#)

Yes No

Save and continue

Details of your world travel history

Which country did you visit?

Do not include visits to the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland or the European Economic Area. You will be able to add additional details of your trips after you click 'Save and continue'.

[Which countries are part of the European Economic Area \(EEA\)?](#)

What was the reason for your visit?

- Tourism (including visiting family and friends)
- Work
- Study
- Transit (travelling through the country)
- Other - provide details

When did you enter this country?

Enter date in the format DD MM YYYY

Day Month Year

When did you leave this country?

Enter date in the format DD MM YYYY

Day Month Year

Save and continue



If you answer **“Yes”**, you will be asked for details. Provide as much detail as possible, as accurately as possible. Include visits to your own country whilst you were resident anywhere else.

Immigration history

Please answer this section accurately and provide details as required. If you have not been subject to any of the actions listed above then select “No”.

If you have then select “Yes” and answer the following questions. Please note that it is important to declare any previous refusals. Failure to declare any previous refusals could potentially lead to refusal on deception, which would carry a 10 year entry clearance ban. If you need assistance with declaring a past refusal, please **contact us for advice**.

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 asylum
- Deported
- Removed
- Required to leave
- Excluded or banned from entry

Yes No

Save and continue

Breach of UK immigration law

Please answer this section accurately and provide details as required. If you have not been subject to any of the actions listed above then select “No”. Please contact us if you need to answer “Yes” to this question.

Breach of UK immigration law

Have you ever:

- entered the UK illegally
- 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

Yes No

Save and continue

Medical treatment in the UK

The next set of questions are about any medical treatment you have previously received in the UK. The reason for this is to identify applicants who may have unpaid debt to the National Health Service (NHS), which can be grounds for visa refusal. Although you must answer each question fully, remember that if you paid the Immigration Health Surcharge for your previous visa application then you will not be liable for any NHS bills. Only treatment received from the National Health Service (NHS) is relevant – you do not need to declare any treatment at private clinics etc.

Medical treatment in the UK

Have you ever been given medical treatment in the UK?

For example, if you visited a doctor, clinic or hospital, this counts as having medical treatment

Yes No

Were you told that you had to pay the hospital, clinic or doctor's surgery for your medical treatment?

This does not include the Immigration Health Surcharge

Yes No

Save and continue

Please answer this question, as applicable. If you have ever visited a doctor (GP), clinic or hospital, even for a minor check-up, this counts as having medical treatment. Therefore, you should select “Yes” to the first question. However, you can answer “No” to the second question if you were not asked to pay for this medical treatment or if it was covered by your Immigration Health Surcharge.

Public funds

[What are 'Public Funds'?](#)

Normally one of the restrictions of being on a 'Student' or 'Tier 4 (General)' immigration permission (visa) is that you are not entitled to public funds. Those on Student route visa are not allowed to receive any public funds. This includes benefits for people on low incomes, housing or child benefits. Please note that receiving scholarship from the University and being exempt from Council Tax are not counted as accessing 'public funds'.

You can find out more about Council Tax Exemption here: [Council Tax Exemption](#)

Please select "No" if you never accessed any public funds in the UK.

Public funds

Have you received any public funds (money) in the UK?

This includes benefits for people on low incomes, housing or child benefit
If you are applying from inside the UK, you only need to tell us about the public funds you have received since you were last granted permission

Yes No

Save and continue

Convictions and other penalties

Please read this question carefully and answer accurately. If you are unsure whether your issue is defined as a 'conviction' or 'penalty' it is safer to declare it here, so that it is clear that you are not trying to hide anything from UKVI.

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 out-of-court 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 tell 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

War crimes

Please answer this section accurately. There is guidance available in the section to help with understanding of war crimes.

Terrorist activities, organisations and views

Please answer this section accurately. There is guidance available in the section to help with understanding of terrorist activities, organisations and views.

Extremist organisations and views

Please answer this section accurately. There is guidance available in the section to help with understanding of extremist organisations and views.

War crimes

You must read all of the information on this page before answering.

[War crimes](#)

In either peace or war time have you ever been involved in, or suspected of involvement in, war crimes, crimes against humanity, or genocide?

Yes No

I have read all of the information about war crimes, including the guidance

Save and continue

Terrorist activities, organisations and views

You must read all of the information on this page before answering.

[Terrorist activities](#)

Have you ever been involved in, supported or encouraged terrorist activities in any country?

Yes No

[Terrorist organisations](#)

Have you ever been a member of, or given support to, an organisation which has been concerned in terrorism?

Yes No

Have you, by any means or medium, expressed views that justify or glorify terrorist violence or that may encourage others to commit terrorist or other serious criminal acts?

Yes No

I have read all of the information about terrorist activities, organisations and views, including the guidance

Save and continue

Extremist organisations and views

You must read all of the information on this page before answering.

[Extremist organisations](#)

Have you ever been a member of, or given support to, an organisation which is or has been concerned with extremism?

Yes No

[Extremist views](#)

Have you, by any means or medium, expressed any extremist views?

Yes No

I have read all of the information about extremist organisations and views, including the guidance

Save and continue

Person of good character

Please answer this section correctly. If you select “Yes” for any of the questions, you will have to provide further details.

Person of good character

Have you, as a part of your employment or otherwise, undertaken paid or unpaid activity on behalf of a non-UK government which you know to be dangerous to the interests or national security of the UK or its allies?

Yes No

Have you ever engaged in any other activities which might indicate that you may not be considered to be a person of good character?

Yes No

Is there any other information about your character or behaviour which you would like to make us aware of?

Yes No

[Save and continue](#)

Your employment history

If you have worked in any of the types of organisations listed, you can provide further details about your role, including the name of your organisation and the dates of your employment.

You can provide further information in a cover letter if needed and upload with your supporting documents.

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 compulsory 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](#)

Official financial sponsor

If you or your family have paid for your studies, or you have received university sponsorship answer 'No'.

Answer 'Yes' only if you have been sponsored by a government or international scholarship agency in the past 12 months. The immigration rules state that you need consent if you have received sponsorship from a government or international financial agency, which covers both fees and living costs in the 12 months prior to your application date. In this situation you will also need to submit a letter from your sponsor, approving your Graduate visa application.

If you have been partially funded or received funding from the University of Edinburgh, a letter of consent is not required and you should answer 'No' to this question. However, you may wish to explain your answer. You can provide further information in a cover letter if needed and upload with your supporting documents.

Check your answers

After the set of questions above, you will be asked to check the information you have provided in your application before you continue to the next section. Please check your answers.

Additional applicant

Once the questions for the main applicant have been completed and checked, you will be able to add additional applicants to your application. If your dependants are applying with you, you will need to add them as an 'Additional applicant' and provide their details.

Official financial sponsor

Have you received money from a financial sponsor?

For example, a government or international scholarship agency

If you have, in the 12 months before the date of application, been awarded a scholarship or sponsorship for study in the UK, you must provide written consent from that sponsor

Yes No

Has your financial sponsor given you permission to apply for the Graduate route?

Yes No

Save and continue

Additional applicant

To add another applicant, select their relationship to you.

I would like to add a:

Add this applicant

Continue

Documents

You will be shown a list of documents that are mandatory and which you must provide as part of your application. This section will also provide you with instructions on providing your documents.

Documents

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:

Providing your documents

You must provide your documents after you submit your application, these can be originals or copies. **Any passports provided must be originals.**

You will be able to upload copies of your documents on our commercial partner's website, or you can take your documents to your biometrics appointment to be scanned and uploaded by our commercial partner for a fee. You'll be told how to book an appointment and upload your documents after you submit your application.

You do not need to send any physical documents to the Home Office or UK Visas & Immigration unless you are advised to do so.

Your application may be rejected if you do not provide all mandatory documents. If your application is rejected due to documents not being provided, it will not be considered and an administration fee for each person included in the application will be deducted from your refund.

Save and continue

At this point, you can still check / review and amend any answers on your application.

Conditions

Please read through the conditions listed and confirm you understand and accept them. On the next page, please read through the declaration and select the appropriate option.

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 in England
- 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

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

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 agree to the [terms and conditions](#).

I understand that if false information 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 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

After you accept the conditions and sign the declaration, you will no longer be able to amend your answers.

STEP 6: Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) and Application Payment

The next steps will be to first pay the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS), then pay the visa application fee.

Please see screenshots below for reference.

If you click the “Go to IHS website”, you will be redirected to the IHS payment page.

You must pay the IHS before you can submit the application.

Once you have paid the IHS, you will need to enter the reference number in your application.

Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS)

Add your Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) reference number

If you have not paid your IHS, you must do so before you can complete your visa application. You must pay using the external IHS website and then return to this site to complete your visa application. When you go to the IHS website, this application will be locked even if you do not pay your IHS straight away.

If you do wish to edit your answers before submitting this application, you must do so now through [Show and edit answers](#)

[Go to IHS website](#)

If you have already paid your IHS, you will have received this reference number via email. Your reference number will be 9 digits long and start with IHS, for example, IHS123456789.

Enter your IHS reference number

[I am exempt from paying IHS](#)

[Save and continue](#)

Application payment

Once you have paid the IHS and have entered your reference number, you will be able to continue with your application. You will then need to pay the visa application fee.

FURTHER ACTIONS

Once you have submitted your application, you must not travel outside the UK until your application is decided and the visa is granted. Your application will be treated as withdrawn if you travel outside the Common Travel Area (UK, Republic of Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man) after you have made your immigration application.

Keep your log in details safe.

It is recommended to download and keep a copy of your visa application, document checklist and the documents you have uploaded with your application for future reference.

CONTACT US

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to [contact us](#).