

Student visa

‘How to Apply for your Student visa’ Tutorial

‘Outside of the UK’

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All students should firstly visit <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/apply> to create an account on the UKVI online application system (if you have already registered you can login and go directly to your account).

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 [visa application centre](#)
- 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 >



Scroll down, press 'Start now'.

What is your country of nationality?

This is the country written on your identity document. If it is written in two languages, use the English spelling.

Continue

*Enter your nationality, press
'Continue'.*



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
- Türkçe - lütfen dilinizi seçin

Select your language of preference, please note – all your answers must be in English!

Next



Select 'Next'

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 [check if you need a UK visa tool](#), or see the [visas and immigration guidance pages](#) for information.

- Visit or transit visa
- Tier 1 (Investor)
- Tier 1 (Entrepreneur)
- Tier 2 (General) visa
- Tier 2 (Sportsperson) visa
- Tier 2 (Minister of Religion) visa
- Tier 2 (Intra-company Transfer) visa - Long-term Staff
- Tier 2 (Intra-company Transfer) visa - Graduate Trainee
- Short-term student visa
- Student

Select 'Student', scroll to bottom of page and press 'Next'.

Select a country to provide your biometrics

To complete your application, you must make arrangements to provide your biometrics (fingerprints and facial photograph) with our commercial partner, which may involve attending one of their centres. You will be able to see the options available to you after you have completed your application and continue to our commercial partner's website.

Enter the country in which you are making your application and wish to provide your biometrics

Enter the country where you are applying from.

▶ [Can I enter any country?](#)

Next

Press 'Next' at the bottom of the page.

- I have checked [available biometric enrolment locations](#) and can travel to a location in my selected country. If no location is available in that country, then I confirm that I can travel to a location in the redirected country.
- I am unable to travel to a location in my selected country or, as there is no location available, to the redirected country.

Next

Select an answer and press 'Next'.

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 [separate form](#) 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 [Privacy Notice for the Border, Immigration and Citizenship system](#). 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

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Please note: some students are allowed to bring dependants with them to the UK, please consult the International Student Adviser if you are not sure whether you are eligible to bring your family.

Before you continue with the application, select 'read the guidance' and read the information.

Press 'Apply now' at the bottom of the page.

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



Enter your email address here.

Create a password

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

Repeat your password



Create a password.

Save and continue



Press 'Save and continue'.

We may use email to contact you about your application, for example, we may contact you for further information, or send a decision on your application by email. We may also use email to contact you about your immigration status after your application has been decided.

You must notify us immediately if the contact email addresses you provide as part of this application change.

ess@aber.ac.uk

If your email is wrong, click [here](#) to change it.

Who does this email address belong to?

- You
- Someone else

Select 'You', press 'save and continue'.


Save and continue

Do you have another email address?

Yes No

Save and continue

*Answer 'Yes' or 'No', press
'Save and continue'.*



You must notify us immediately if the contact telephone number(s) you provide as part of this application change.

Provide your telephone number

Only include numbers, and for international numbers include the country code. You will be able to add any additional telephone numbers after you click 'Save and continue'.

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

Select whether this is your home, mobile or work telephone number

You can select more than one option

Home telephone number

Business telephone number

Mobile telephone number

Save and continue

Answer all questions, press 'Save and continue'.

Do you have any other telephone numbers?

Yes No

Save and continue

*Answer 'Yes' or 'No', press
'Save and continue'.*

Are you able to be contacted by telephone?

- I can be contacted by telephone call and text message (SMS)
- I can only be contacted by telephone call
- I can only be contacted by text message (SMS)
- I cannot be contacted by telephone call or text message (SMS)

*Answer all questions, press
'Save and continue'.*

Save and continue

Do you have a Marshall, Chevening or commonwealth scholarship?

Check the [postgraduate scholarship guidance](#), if you do not know.

Yes No

Save and continue

Answer 'Yes' or 'No', press 'Save and continue'.

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

Yes No

Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies reference number

Save and continue

Answer 'Yes', enter CAS number, and press 'Save and continue'.

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

Your given name is usually your first name. Your family name is the surname that is shared by your family. 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.

Given name(s)

Family name

Answer all questions.

▶ [I cannot enter my name using a current passport or travel document](#)

Save and continue

Press 'Save and continue'.

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

Answer 'Yes' or 'No', press 'Save and continue'.

Save and continue

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

- Male
- Female
- Unspecified

What is your relationship status?

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

Answer all questions.

Save and continue

Press 'Save and continue'.

Address

Town/City

Province/Region/State

Postal code (if applicable)

Country

Is this address also your correspondence address?

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

 Yes No

Enter your address.

Save and continue

Press 'Save and continue'.

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

Answer all questions.

Save and continue

Press 'Save and continue'.

! 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 Year

Expiry date

Enter date in the format DD MM YYYY

Day Month Year

Answer all questions.

Save and continue

Press 'Save and continue'.

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

Press 'Yes' if you have a National Identity card and then enter number. Don't worry if you don't have one!

Country of nationality

Enter your country of nationality or citizenship, as shown on your passport or travel document. If you have previous or additional nationalities or citizenships, 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

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Answer all questions.

Save and continue



Press 'Save and continue'.

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

*Answer 'Yes' or 'No', press
'Save and continue'.*

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

Save and continue

If you are not sure how to answer this, please contact the International Student Adviser.

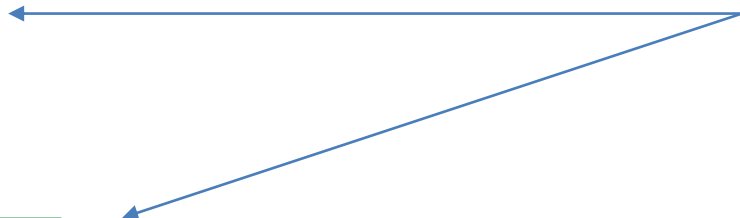
We may have to talk to you about your application. Which language would you prefer to use?

English

Other

Save and continue

*Answer 'English' or 'Other',
press 'Save and continue'.*



Does anyone rely on you for financial support?
Include both those travelling with you and those who are not.

This could include:

- children under 18
- children over 18 who live with you at home
- children who you look after all the time
- older relatives who need you for accommodation or other support

Yes No

*Answer 'Yes' or 'No', press
'Save and continue'.*

▶ [Will these dependants be included in my application?](#)

Save and continue

Give details about 2 of your parents.

▶ [What if I do not have my parents' details?](#)

What is this person's relationship to you?

Mother

Father

Given names

Family name

If they do not have both a given and family name, enter their name(s) in the Given names field.

Date of birth

Enter date in the format DD MM YYYY

Day Month Year

Country of nationality

Have they always had the same nationality?

Yes No

Press here if you do not have your parents' details.

Answer all questions - you will need to repeat this.

Do you have any family in the UK?

This includes:

- immediate family - such as spouse, civil partner, parents or children
- grandparents or grandchildren
- your spouse or civil partner's family
- your child's spouse, civil partner or partner
- your partner, if you have lived with them for 2 out of the last 3 years

Yes

No

*Answer 'Yes' or 'No', press
'Save and continue'.*

Save and continue

Will you be travelling to the UK as part of an organised group?

This include travel companies or sports, work, or study groups.

Yes No

Answer 'Yes' or 'No', press 'Save and continue'.

Save and continue

Will you be travelling to the UK with someone who is not your partner, spouse, or dependant?

Yes No

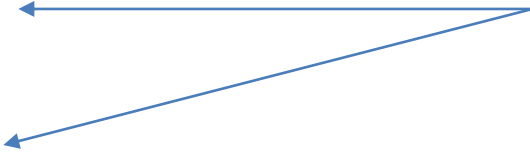
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Answer 'Yes' or 'No', press 'Save and continue'.

Do you know where you will be staying in the UK?

Yes No

Save and continue



Answer 'Yes' or 'No', press 'Save and continue'. If you have applied for University accommodation but do not have details of your allocated accommodation, you can use this address:

*The Accommodation Office,
Aberystwyth University, Y
Sgubor, Fferm Penglais,
Aberystwyth, SY23 3FH, UK*

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

Yes

No

Save and continue

*Answer 'Yes' or 'No', press
'Save and continue'.*

Have you been issued with a UK visa in the past 10 years?

Yes No

*Answer 'Yes' or 'No', press
'Save and continue'.*

Save and continue

How many times have you visited the following places in the past 10 years?

- Australia
- Canada
- New Zealand
- USA
- Switzerland
- European Economic Area (do not include travel to the UK)

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

- Zero
- Once
- 2 to 5 times
- 6 or more times

Answer all questions.

Save and continue

Press 'Save and continue'

Have you been to any other countries in the past 10 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

*Answer 'Yes' or 'No', press
'Save and continue'.*

Save and continue

Date you plan to arrive in the UK

Enter date in the format DD MM YYYY

Day Month Year

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▶ [Why is this information important?](#)

Save and continue

Enter the date that you are planning to travel to the UK. Your 'entry' visa will start from this date and will be valid for 30 days (90 days if Covid-19 measures are in place).

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

Answer 'Yes' or 'No', press 'Save and continue'.

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

Answer 'Yes' or 'No', press 'Save and continue'.

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

Make sure you answer all the questions truthfully. If you answer 'Yes' to any, please tell us.

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.

Press 'Save and continue'.

Save and continue

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

You will need to read the information provided before answering 'Yes' or 'No', press 'Save and continue'.

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

You will need to read the information provided before answering 'Yes' or 'No', press 'Save and continue'.

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

You will need to read the information provided before answering 'Yes' or 'No', press 'Save and continue'.

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



Answer 'Yes' or 'No', press 'Save and continue'.

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

Select any organisations that you have worked in, press 'Save and continue'.

This information is on your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) statement, or contact your sponsor to get their licence number.

What is your sponsor licence number?

CMRTYMH23

Enter 'CMRTYMH23'.

Sponsor's address

Aberystwyth University

Cledwyn Building

Penglais

Town/City

Aberystwyth

Postcode

SY23 3DD

Use this address as the 'Sponsor's address'.

Save and continue

Don't forget to 'Save and continue'.

What type of sponsor will you be studying with?

The [Register of Student sponsors](#) sets out what type of sponsor each institution on 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
- Private Provider

Select 'Higher education institution with a track record of compliance'.

▶ [What is the difference between a school and a higher education institution?](#)

Save and continue

Press 'Save and continue'.

Is this the site where the majority of your study will take place?

Aberystwyth University
Cledwyn Building
Penglais
Aberystwyth
SY23 3DD

Yes No

Address of your primary site of study

Town/City

Postcode

Select 'No' and enter the address of your academic department available from your draft CAS.

Save and continue

Press 'Save and continue'.

Did you apply for your course through UCAS?

Yes No

▶ [What is UCAS?](#)

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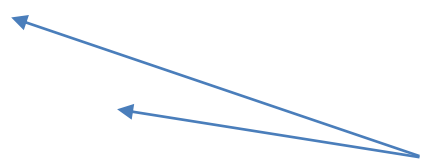
Answer 'Yes' or 'No', press 'Save and continue'.

Students of certain sensitive subjects, knowledge of which could be used in programmes to develop weapons of mass destruction or their means of delivery, will need to apply for an ATAS certificate before they can study in the UK. You can [find out if you need an ATAS certificate here](#).

Do you need to obtain permission from the ATAS?

Yes No

Save and continue



Your CAS will say if you need ATAS. Consult the International Student Adviser if you are not sure whether you need ATAS clearance.

Will you be receiving money from an official financial sponsor for your continuing studies?

Yes No

▶ [What is an official financial sponsor?](#)

Save and continue

Answer 'Yes' or 'No', press 'Save and continue'.

Name of sponsor institution (school/college/university)

Aberystwyth University

← Enter 'Aberystwyth University'.

Course name

Qualification you will get

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 ask your sponsor institution.

You will find this information on your CAS.

Are you going to be a student union sabbatical officer?

▶ [What is a student union sabbatical officer?](#)

Yes

No

← Most students will reply 'No'.

Save and continue

← Always 'Save and continue'.

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

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Course end date

Day Month Year

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You will find this information on your CAS.

Save and continue

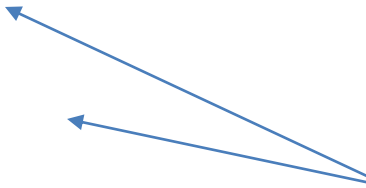
Press 'Save and continue'.

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 [here](#)

Yes No

Save and continue




This question only refers to students who are staying in university accommodation. If you have paid any accommodation fees select 'Yes', if you have not paid any accommodation fees select 'No'.

What are your course fees for your first year?

If your course is shorter than 12 months, state the total course fee. This information is on your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) statement. Alternatively, you can contact your sponsor for this information.

£

The course fees will be stated on your CAS.



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

Save and continue

Answer 'Yes' or 'No', press 'Save and continue'.



You must show that you have enough money to cover your course fees, and living costs for you and any dependants [Read the guidance](#) to find out how much money you need to show and what documents you can use as evidence.

Are any of the funds required for this application in the form of a student loan?

Yes No

Save and continue

Answer 'Yes' or 'No', press 'Save and continue'.

You must show that you have enough money to cover your course fees and living costs. [Read the guidance document](#) to find out how much money you need to show and what documents you can use as evidence.

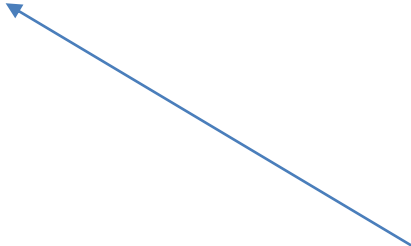
Are all of the maintenance funds required for this application in a bank account with your name on it?

Yes No

Are you relying on money held in an account under your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) name?

Yes No

Save and continue



If the money you are using is in your name select 'Yes', if the money is in your parent's name select 'No'. If you are relying on money held by your parents they will need to sign a consent form.

If you needed to add more information about your application but were not able to, you can write it here.

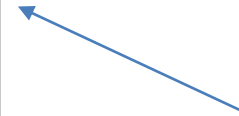
If there is no further information you want to add, click the 'Save and continue' button.

Add further details:



Maximum of 1,000 characters

Save and continue



It is fine if you do not have any additional information to add.



Press 'Save and continue'.

1. Start **2. Application** 3. Documents 4. Declaration 5. Pay 6. Further actions

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Check your answers

Check the information below before you continue to the next section.

Personal information

Who does this email address belong to? You

[Change](#)

ess@aber.ac.uk

Do you have another email address? No

[Change](#)

*You can now check all the answers that you have provided, once you have done this, scroll to the bottom of the screen and click on **'Continue'**.*

You can add dependants to your visa application, you will need to separate ['application form'](#).