

Studying in the UK

With a world-renowned reputation for education, world class schools and universities and hundreds of thousands of International Students studying in the UK every year, UK boarding schools continue to promise a rich experience for international students.

How does the UK leaving the European Union affect students from the EU?

EU and EEA nationals have historically been able to study in the UK without a visa and have been able to access the UK state education, however, with the UK leaving the European Union on 1 January 2021 there are changes to EU/EEA nationals wishing to study in the UK. If you are an Irish National these changes will not apply to you.

Studying already in the UK or arriving before 1 January 2021

If you arrive in the UK to study before 1 January 2021, you will not need a visa and can still access state education. If you plan to stay in the UK longer than 1 January 2021 (for example, to complete your course), you will need to apply online for the EU Settlement Scheme which is free of charge. You should apply as soon as possible after you have arrived in the UK, and by 30 June 2021. This is an easy process completed on your smart phone and will allow you to remain in the UK to study without the need for a visa.

Studying in the UK for less than 6 months

If you come to the UK to study on a short-term course for any duration up to 6 months you will not need a visa and can study in the UK on a visitor visa. This simply means you will need a confirmation letter from your school detailing the dates and content of your course, we recommend you carry this letter whilst travelling into and out of the UK. For the time being you can continue using E gates at the airport.

Applying for a visa

From January 2021 onwards anyone looking to study in the UK for longer than 6 months must apply for a student visa;

- You can apply for a visa up to 6 months before the course starts
- The visa application fee is currently £348, students must have an up to date passport
- Most people will be able to complete their application, including identity verification, using a smartphone app (if you don't have a biometric passport, you may need to go to a Visa Application Centre in your country)
- You must have a visa application accepted before entering the UK
- EU students will receive an electronic notification of visa application outcomes
- You will also need to pay a fee called an Immigration Health Surcharge. This gives you access to the UK's National Health Service. Students receive a 25% discount on the usual cost of this surcharge (currently this will be £352.50)



For further advice please visit www.gov.uk/guidance/studying-in-the-uk-guidance-for-eu-students

If you would like assistance with applying for a student visa please contact Steve.Paxton@newlandchase.com or visit www.education.newlandchase.com