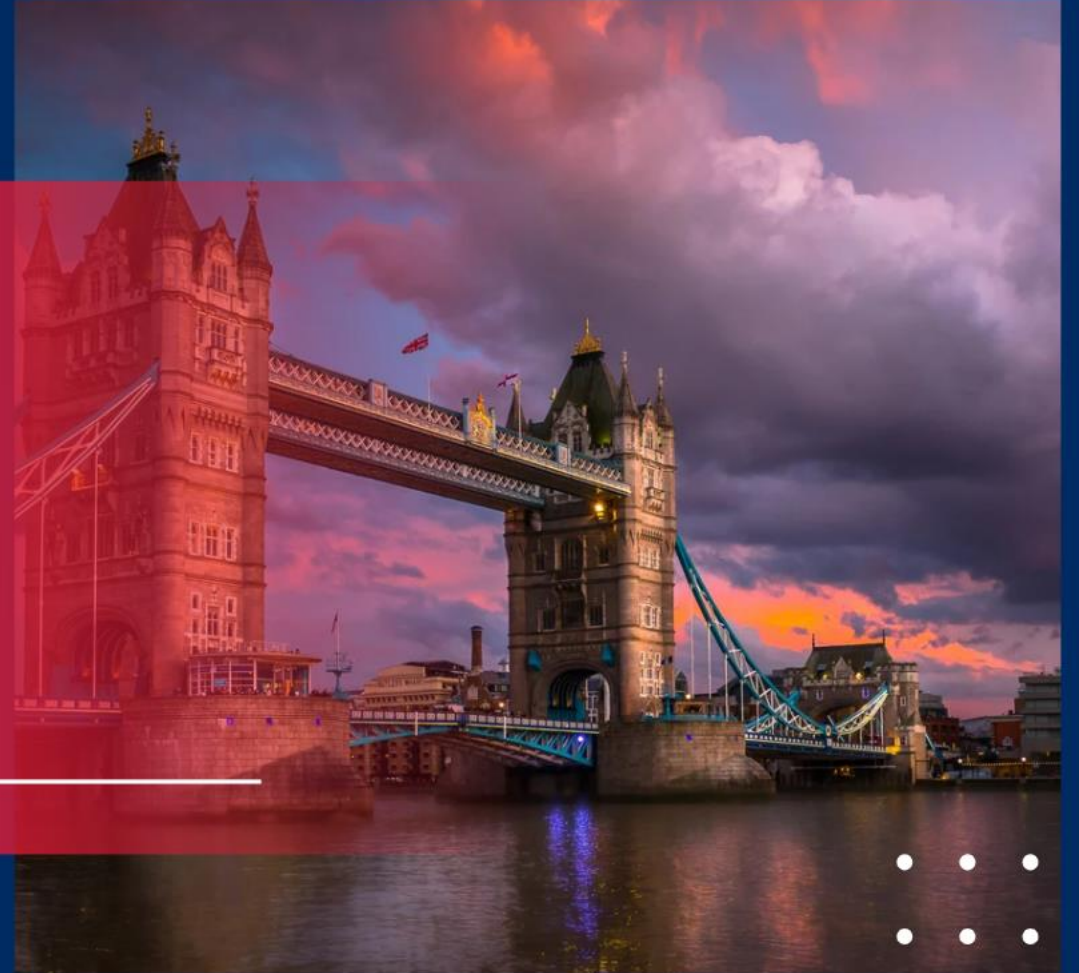




# UNITED KINGDOM VISA AND IMMIGRATION

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# What Is UKVI?



## UK Visas & Immigration

### **PBS STUDENT ROUTE VISA**

- ▶ 50 Points –CAS
- ▶ 10 Points– Maintenance of Funds
- ▶ 10 Points – English Language Requirement



# PBS Student Route Visa

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In UK, Student Visa comes under **STUDENT ROUTE VISA** under Point Based System. The policies are framed by United Kingdom Visas and Immigration (UKVI) and in India they are executed by

- British High Commission New Delhi
- Deputy British High Commission Chennai
- Deputy British High Commission Kolkata
- Deputy British High Commission Mumbai



## PBS Student Route Visa

▶ As per the current UKVI regulations the student needs to score 70 points for getting successful student visa. The details of the points are as under

- **TOTAL POINTS REQUIRED -**  
70 POINTS
- **POINTS SCORED ON CONFIRMATION OF ACCEPTANCE (CAS) -**  
50 POINTS
- **POINTS SCORED ON MAINTENANCE (FUNDS) -**  
10 POINTS
- **POINTS SCORED ON ENGLISH PROFICIENCY -**  
10 POINTS
- **POINTS SCORED ON ENGLISH PROFICIENCY -**  
70 POINTS



## PBS Student Route Visa



There are two student categories in Student Route of the Points-Based System:

**Adult / General student** – for students coming to the United Kingdom who are of age 16 years and above for education.

**Child student** – for children between 4 and 16 years old to come to the United Kingdom for their education.

Student aged between 16-18 years can apply as an Adult / General student. The student will have to prove the consent of his / her parents / legal guardians that they can make their own arrangements for accommodation and can travel to the U.K.





# Confirmation of Acceptance (CAS)

- ▶ The Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) is not an actual certificate or paper document but is a virtual document similar to a database record.
- ▶ Every University has to apply on the portal maintained by UKVI called as Sponsor Management System (SMS) to generate the CAS Number for the student from UKVI.
- ▶ Each Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies has a **unique reference number** and contains information about the course of study for which it has been issued and the student's personal details.
- ▶ In many UK Universities, the CAS will be sent directly to the student on their email id, so it is necessary to mention the correct email ids on the application form while applying to the University / College.
- ▶ The validity of CAS is 6 months, and it can be used only once. If the Visa of the student gets refused, we need to get a new CAS for him to reapply for the Visa.



# Maintenance(Funds)

The student is required to show 1 year of Tuition Fees mentioned in the CAS and 9 months of Living Cost.

## Living Cost

- ▶ Inside London – 12006 GBP (1334 GBP per month w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020)
- ▶ Outside London – 9207 GBP (1023 GBP per month w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020)

If the student has made a payment to the University accommodation provider, that amount as per actuals, limited to a maximum of 1334 GBP, is allowed to be shown in the CAS.



# Acceptable Funds



- ▶ Education Loan Letter must be in the name of the Student / or joint with Parents.
- ▶ Saving Account Statement / Passbook along with Bank Balance Certificate showing 28 days old fund in the name of the student / joint account with the parents / or only in the name of parents only from a Bank regulated by the Reserve Bank of India
- ▶ Fixed Deposit (details in the next slide)
- ▶ For UK Student Visa any other relatives like Grand parents , Uncle, Brother , Sister can not sponsor the student and funds in their account will not be accepted. They should transfer the funds in the student's account
- ▶ Where the Funds are not in the name of the student, Birth Certificate is required to prove the relationship. In case of a joint account, Letter of Consent from parents has to be enclosed along with the application.





# Fixed Deposit

- ▶ Fixed Deposit in the name of the student or joint in name with the parents or only of parents and Fixed Deposit Balance Certificate showing 28 days old fund.
- ▶ Since the High commission has started to ask for the source of funds now, avoid showing funds in a fixed deposit unless it's a 5-6 months old deposit.
- ▶ Malpractices such as drawing an overdraft on a fixed deposit and using the same funds over and over again must be strictly restricted.



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# IS CURRENT ACCOUNT ACCEPTABLE FOR UK VISA?

## Yes?

Current account is acceptable but it should be in the name of student or parents.  
Current account in the name of firm is not acceptable.



## Points to be taken care while preparing the Student VISA.

- ▶ The Tuition Fees should be mentioned in Visa Application Form exactly as given in the CAS. In case if the course duration is more than one year, then the CAS should mention separately fees for the first year. In case of 16 months course, the full tuition fees mentioned in the CAS is to be shown.
- ▶ Birth Certificate has to be attached invariably along with the application, if the funds are in the parent's name and it has to be in English. If in case it is in vernacular language, then the student needs to get it translated from approved translator.
- ▶ Letter of Consent should be enclosed if the funds are in the joint account of parents and student.
- ▶ If the student is under 18 years and funds are in joint account with the parents, then 2 Letter of Consents should be enclosed with the application. One for the Consent for the funds and one for the minor child.
- ▶ The required funds shown should be maintained with UKVI approved Bank accounts.



## Points to be taken care while preparing the Student VISA.



For payment of VISA fees and NHS Health Surcharge, student should make the payment mandatorily from credit or debit card. The cards can be VISA/Master. The mobile number of the cardholder should be registered to get the OTP.



If the student is using a saving account as an evidence of funds, then the time period between the last date of transaction and the date of filing the case should not be of more than 30 days.



In case of FDR in the name of the student and parents and in case if the name of the student has been recently added then the FDR should show the date on which the name was added, and the FDR should be 28 days old from the day the name was added to it.



Loan against FDR & mortgage loan or any other form of loans are not acceptable. The only loan that is acceptable is **Education loan** offered by bank only for Education purpose.



Although the loan against FDR is not acceptable but Education loan taken against the fixed deposit as security is acceptable in case the student is not having 28 days old fund.



## Points to be taken care while preparing the Student VISA.

- ▶ We should submit online VISA application form and pay online VISA fees after receiving Bank Balance certificate for 28 days old fund because 28 days will be calculated before date of submission of online VISA Application.

### **Important Points for Education Loan to be used for UK VISA:**

- Education Loan should be in the name of student. Parents can be co-borrower.
- It should be purely Education Loan. House Loan or any other Loan is not acceptable.
- Date should be mentioned on the Loan Letter and Education Loan letter should not be 6 months older than date of submitting VISA Application.

The condition of disbursement should be :

- Loan amount will be available to the student after getting Student VISA before he travels to the UK



# Immigration Health Surcharge

- ▶ From the 6th April 2015 there will be an Immigration Health Surcharge.
- ▶ The health surcharge will be set at £470 a year for students. The total surcharge amount for the whole period of leave granted will be payable upfront.
- ▶ Payment of NHS Health Surcharge has been merged with UK VISA Application. Without payment of NHS Health Surcharge, VISA application will not be accepted.

## Cost

- ▶ Cost £470/year for students. (Dependents 'generally' charged the same as student.)
- ▶ Students are required to pay surcharge even if students have private healthcare insurance.
- ▶ If course is 12 months plus one day – this will count as 1 ½ years to pay which means  $£470 + £235 = £705$  which means for Masters courses, since the VISA is for 16 months, student need to pay **£705**





# NHS Health Surcharge

## Refunds

- ▶ You'll get a full immigration health surcharge (IHS) refund if:
  - You paid twice
  - Your visa application is refused
  - You withdraw your visa application
- ▶ You'll get a partial IHS refund if your visa application's successful but:
  - You get less time on your visa than you asked for
  - Any dependents on your visa application are refused
  - If you are due a full or partial refund for these reasons, you do not have to do anything to get it. It will be automatically paid to the account or card you paid with.



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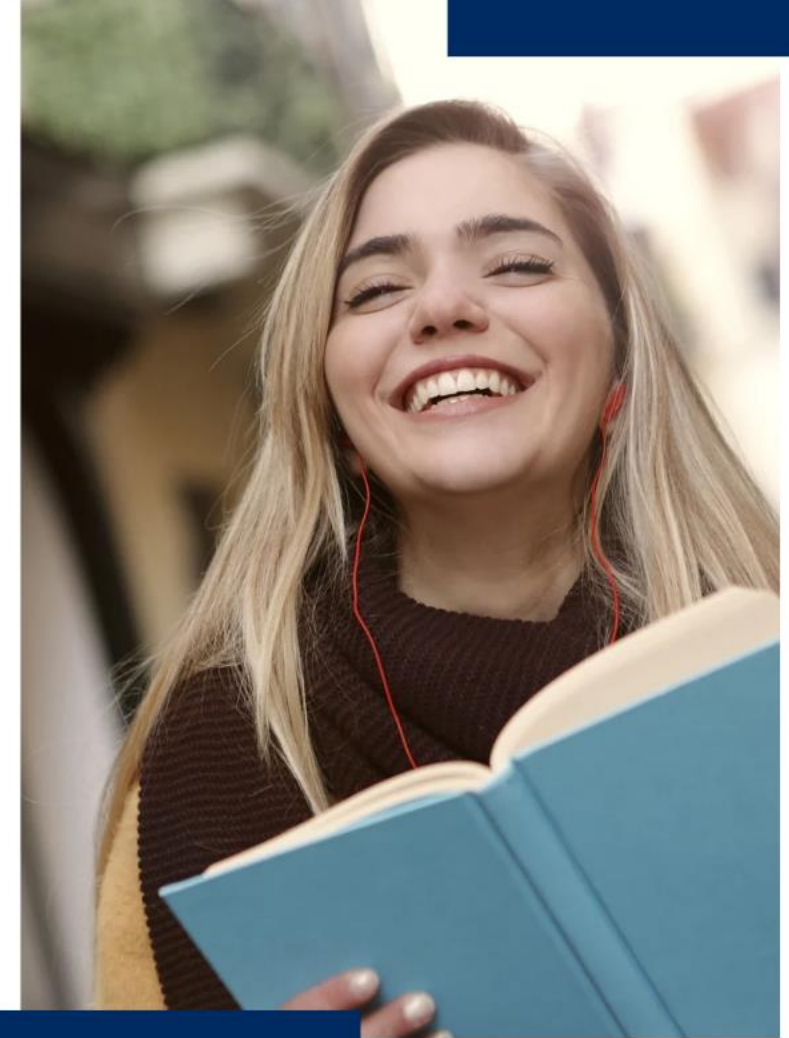
▶ You will not get a refund if:

- Your visa application is successful, but you do not come to the UK
- You leave the UK before your visa ends, for example, to make a new application
- You're told to leave the UK before your visa expires
- You're applying for indefinite leave to remain



## Biometric Resident Permits-BRP

- ▶ From April 2015, students applying for a visa from outside the UK will be issued a vignette sticker in their passport that allows temporary entry clearance to the UK. This is for any student from certain countries who intend to study a course for 6 months or longer. The vignette is valid for 30 days prior to the start date of the course of study.
- ▶ The applicant will be issued with a 30-day short term biometric entry clearance visa to allow them to come to the UK to collect their BRP.
- ▶ Due to COVID, this 30-day period is now extended to 90 days.
- ▶ Student must collect the BRP within ten days of arrival in the UK.
- ▶ The visa will start from the date the applicant indicated in their application form that they would travel to the UK. They will also receive a decision letter, which will tell the applicant which Post Office they must collect their BRP from. It will also tell them what to do if they are unable to collect their BRP.



# Biometric Resident Permits-BRP

## Collecting the BRP

- ▶ The applicant should collect their BRP within ten days of their arrival in the UK. If they fail to collect their BRP they may be liable to a sanction.
- ▶ The applicant will be allocated the Post Office branch from which they can collect their BRP from, during the Tier 4 visa application process. The BRP will be delivered to that Post Office and the applicant must collect the BRP from it.
- ▶ If the applicant does not travel within the validity of the 30-day short term biometric entry clearance, they will need to apply for another 30-day short term biometric entry clearance to travel to the UK.



# Student Dependent VISA

- ▶ The Dependents are allowed with students if he is applying for postgraduate level for 12 months or longer course. In this case dependents are allowed to work full time. Dependents of a student can go along with the student or can even join them later.
- ▶ The key documents in getting a successful Dependent Visa are –
  - Marriage Certificate – Form E
  - Accommodation Confirmation / Tenancy Agreement
  - Valid Visa Copy of Main Applicant (If applying later).
- ▶ The Fund Requirement for the visa is–
  - Inside London –7605 GBP (845 GBP for 9 months) w.e.f 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015
  - Outside London – 6120 GBP (680 GBP for 9 months) w.e.f 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015
- ▶ The Funds must be 28 days old.



## TIER 2 Work VISA Scheme

- ▶ Work Visa comes under Tier 2 Point Based System. A student after completing his Bachelors / Masters from UK can extend his visa for 3 years under this category. The student must score 70 Points for successful visa.
- ▶ The details of the points are as follows:
- ▶ Total Points Required - **70 POINTS**

Attributes	Points
Having <b>valid certificate of Sponsorship</b> from Employer (Employer must hold a valid license from UKBA)	30 POINTS
Minimum Salary of £30,000 per annum	20 POINTS
English Language (The student gets 10 points as he has studied from UK )	10 POINTS
Maintenance After 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2014 (945 GBP for 3 months if applying from within U.K.)	10 POINTS





# **FAQS**

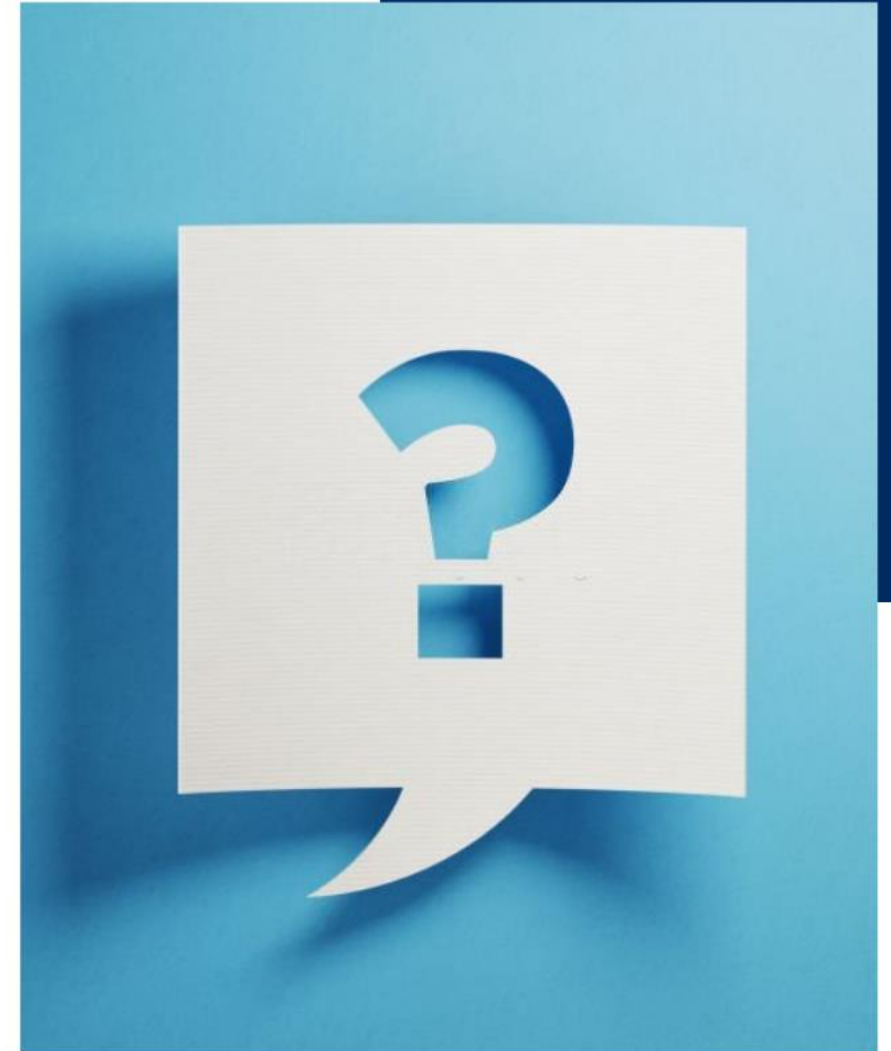
## **In How Many days we will get the Offer?**

- 7-10 Working Days
- All the High Ranked Universities takes 4-6 Weeks to issue the offer like University of Birmingham, Queen Mary University of London

## **Is PhD Possible in UK?**

Yes

- Yes, PhD is possible in UK if the student has good Research Proposal and has proper funding as scholarships are not easily available for PhD Students.
- Commission is receivable on PhD Students.



# **FAQS**

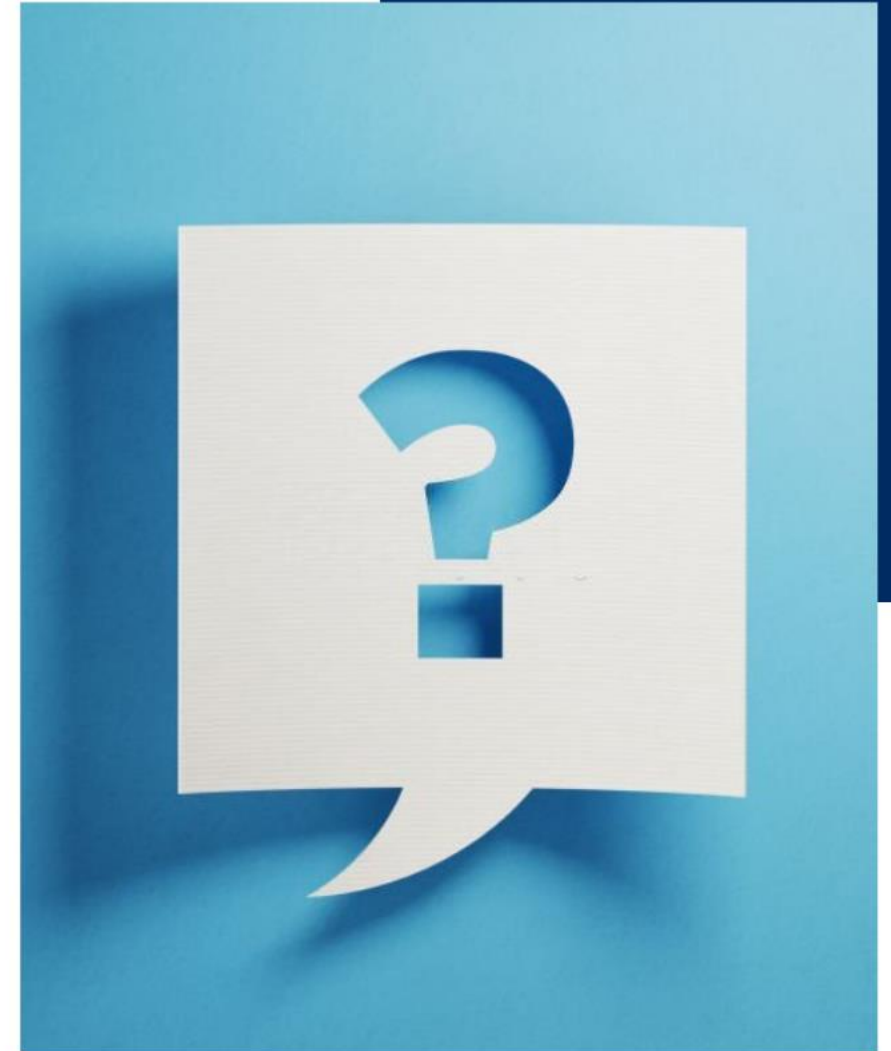
## **Is Gap acceptable in UK?**

Yes

- Student should be able to justify the gap during VISA Interview
- All the High Ranked Universities takes 4-6 Weeks to issue the offer like University of Birmingham, Queen Mary University of London

## **Do Students need to face the VISA Interview at VFS?**

- Universities are conducting credibility interview before issuing CAS.
- UKVI can randomly call the student for credibility interview hence it is recommended that student should be prepared for VISA Interview before he goes to VFS.



# JOB FAIR



**Does University helps  
in Job Placements?**



# FAQS

## How many backlogs are accepted by UK Universities?

- Some traditional high ranked universities like University of Glasgow, Queen Mary University of London, University of Birmingham do not accept students with more than 4 Backlogs.
  
- Students with 35-40 Backlogs have been accepted by many UK Universities if their overall percentage is good.



# FAQS



## IS INITIAL DEPOSIT NEEDED TO ACCEPT THE CAS?

- Most of the UK Universities need the deposit from 1000 GBP - 4000 GBP to accept the offer and get the CAS.
- Some Universities like University of Birmingham, University of Leicester do not need initial deposit to get the CAS.
- Some Universities like Middlesex University, University of Huddersfield needs the deposit of 50% of tuition fees.





# FAQS

## **Does a Student need to submit Original Documents at the VFS?**

- Student needs to carry all the original documents at the VFS along with the VISA Application. VFS staff will return original after scanning all documents

## **What is the standard Turn-Around time for UK VISA?**

- If Student applies in Normal service, then student will get the VISA in 15 working days.
- If Student applies in Priority, then student will get the VISA in 4-6 Working Days!!
- If Student applies in Super Priority VISA, student gets the outcome on the same day of VISA Application which costs £800 in addition to the Visa fees of £363





# FAQS

## Once the Student gets UK VISA refusal, can he again reapply for UK VISA?

- ▶ If student can demonstrate considerable change in the circumstances based on which his previous VISA was refused then student can reapply for UK VISA.
- ▶ Yes if the VISA refusal is on the grounds of Financials or insufficient documents then we can rearrange for proper financial and other documents needed for VISA and request the University to issue new CAS and reapply for UK VISA.
- ▶ If the VISA refusal is on the grounds of Credibility Interview and GTE then University will not issue new CAS and student cannot reapply for UK VISA.



# **FAQS**

## **Is Medicals mandatory for UK VISA?**

- ▶ Student applying for Tier 4 VISA need to undergo TB Test and Chest X Ray in UKVI approved Clinics and need to submit original Test Report at VFS.

## **Can student apply for Short Term Student VISA?**

Yes

- ▶ Student can apply for Short Term Courses and need to apply for Short Term Student VISA which will be of 6 months or 11 months depending upon the course duration

## **What is Insurance Choice and Firm Choice in UCAS at Undergraduate Level?**

- ▶ If the Offer is conditional than student has two options.
- ▶ Firm acceptance – this is your first choice.
- ▶ Insurance acceptance – the back-up choice to a conditional firm acceptance.





# Thank You!

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