We have put together this checklist to help guide you through a Student visa application. It is set out in a suggested order based on the timeline of the application process. It is only a summary of the steps involved, and it does not contain any detailed information about the requirements.

1. Choose an institution and course, apply for admission to the course, receive an unconditional offer

2. Apply for an ATAS clearance (if applicable)

3. Request a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) from your institution (check this is correct when you receive it, it can only be used once!)

4. Check the visa process for your country of application along with the visa processing times

5. Book and take a TB test (if applicable)

6. Check you meet all of the requirements for the Student visa

7. Prepare your supporting documents:

   - Valid passport
   - Evidence you meet the financial requirements (if applicable)*
   - Evidence of your qualifications listed on your CAS (if applicable)*†
   - Evidence that you meet the English language requirement, or your exemption (if applicable)
   - Valid TB test certificate (if applicable)
   - Parental/legal guardian’s consent to your study and living arrangements (if you are under 18 when you are applying)
   - Proof of relationship with your parent/legal guardian (if you are under 18 when you are applying)
Receipts for accommodation or tuition fees (if these payments are not listed on your CAS)*
Translations of any documents not in English or Welsh

8. Complete the online application form
9. Pay the Immigration Health Surcharge
10. Pay for your Student visa application
11. Upload any documents that are requested to the application system
12. Book a biometrics appointment (if requested)
13. Attend the biometrics appointment (if required)
14. Attend an interview for your Student visa application (if requested)
15. Wait for the outcome of your Student visa application (you will be told whether to collect your documents from the visa application centre, or if they will be posted back to you)
16. Wait until your Student visa is received

* "Low-risk" applicants:
If you are subject to the differential evidence requirement (also known as being “low-risk”), you may not need to submit these documents in your initial application. For details on who may be “low-risk”, see our guide to Evidence. You must confirm on your application form that you have these documents but you do not need to submit them with your application. You might be asked to provide them at a later date.

† Student sponsor - Track record:
If your sponsor is listed on the Register of licensed sponsors: students as "Student sponsor - Track record", you are not required to submit evidence of your qualifications or references if you are applying to study at degree level or above.