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Study in the United Kingdom

List of documents to gather, step by step · Updated on 22 November 2026

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1. Admission

- [ ] Unconditional offer from an institution holding a student sponsor licence
- [ ] CAS number (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies) sent by the institution: apply for the visa within 6 months
- [ ] Proof of English: B2 level for a university degree, B1 below that (SELT test if you have no other proof)

2. Student visa (online application, then VFS Global in Kinshasa)

- [ ] Current passport
- [ ] CAS number from the institution
- [ ] Proof of money: one year of tuition (amount on the CAS) and £1,529 a month in London or £1,171 elsewhere, for up to 9 months, held for 28 days in a row
- [ ] Tuberculosis test certificate from the approved clinic in Kinshasa (stay over 6 months; USD 180, valid 6 months)
- [ ] ATAS certificate if your course and nationality require it (some master's and doctorates)
- [ ] Under 18: written consent from both parents (visa, living and care arrangements, travel) and a birth certificate showing their names
- [ ] Sponsorship for fees and living costs in the last 12 months: written consent from the sponsor
- [ ] Fees: visa £558 and Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) £776 a year, paid with the application; appointment at the VFS centre to prove your identity

3. After the decision

- [ ] Decision usually within 3 weeks
- [ ] Access to your eVisa by creating a UKVI account, linked to the passport you travel with
- [ ] Arrival up to one month before a course of more than 6 months starts

Other documents may be requested depending on your situation: the full list is in the official “Student route” guidance on gov.uk.

List based on the official sources quoted on our page. The authorities may ask for other documents: we reconfirm it for each file. No result is guaranteed.