Guide for applications: Graduate Route Visa

This application guidance is for University of Warwick graduates who are eligible to make a Graduate Route Visa application from within the UK following the conferral of their degree.

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Guidance last updated in August 2021.
Graduate Route Visa applications are expensive
The current standard service application fee (August 2021) is £700, which will not be refunded if your application is refused

Therefore you must not proceed unless all of the following are true:

1. You have checked you are eligible, and that the award you have received is eligible

2. You have successfully completed your studies (you will no longer have the Right to Study at Warwick with a Graduate Route Visa), and your award has been conferred by the University (e.g., you have no debt to the University or outstanding resits)

3. You are currently inside the UK, and the Student or Tier 4 Visa you used to complete your studies is still valid and has not expired

4. You received specific email confirmation from Warwick stating that a report of your successful completion has been made to the UKVI for the purposes of the ‘Graduate Route’ (see example to the right) – you will need the included CAS number
www.gov.uk/graduate-visa/apply

Proving your identity and providing supporting documents

As part of your application, you’ll need to prove your identity.

If you’re from the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein, you usually do this by scanning your passport with the ‘UK Immigration: ID Check’ app.

If you’re not from the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein, you usually do this by scanning your biometric residence permit (BRP).

You’ll need to sign into an existing UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) account, or create a new one.

If you cannot scan your passport or BRP with the app, you’ll be asked to get your fingerprints and photograph taken at a UK Visa and Citizenship Application Services (UKVCAS) service point.

You’ll be told what you need to do when you apply.

If you do need an appointment, the centre may need to keep your passport and documents while they process your application.

You must not travel outside of the UK, Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man until you get a decision. Your application will be withdrawn if you do.

Apply for a Graduate visa

Once you’ve started your application, you can save your form and complete it later.

Start now

If you have a smartphone (iPhone 7 or newer, or Android with NFC (near-field communication) capabilities, you may be able to complete all steps of this application online by using the UK Immigration: ID Check app to scan and verify your:

- EEA/Swiss Passport with biometric chip OR
- Tier 4/Student Biometric Residence Permit (BRP)

If you can do this, you will not need to attend an in-person appointment with UKVCAS, and if granted, your visa will be issued as a digital status (no new BRP required)

If you don’t
You can still make the application without using the app, but may be required to attend a UKVCAS appointment, and will be issued with a new BRP if your visa is granted.
Are you intending to live in one of the Crown Dependencies of the United Kingdom?

The Crown Dependencies are Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man

- Yes
- No

Select ‘no’

Continue

Do you have a current EU, EEA or Swiss passport?

The EEA includes the EU countries and Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway

- Yes
- No

If yes, and it has a biometric chip, you will be taken to start the ID verification process with your passport, skip to page 5 of this guide. If you do not, select ‘no’

- Should I apply to the EU Settlement Scheme instead?

Do you have a UK biometric residence permit (BRP)?

You will need your BRP to confirm your identity. If you have lost your BRP, select No.

- Yes
- No

Select ‘yes’ unless you have lost your BRP. If you have lost your BRP, see our information here.

Continue

Is your name on your biometric residence permit the same as on your current passport?

- Yes
- No

If the answer is ‘no’, you will not be able to use the ID verification app, skip to page 7 of this guidance

Continue

Check you can use the app

You can use the app on:
- an iPhone 7 or newer models
- an Android phone with near-field communication (NFC)

Check the phone’s settings to see if it has NFC. The phone has NFC if you can use it to make contactless payments.

If you do not have a phone

Ask a friend or family member if you can use their phone. No information is stored on the app or phone after you close it.

You do not have to apply on the phone - you can do the rest of your application on your computer or another device.

We will send your decision letter by email - this can be your email or someone else’s. You do not use your decision letter to prove your status.

Continue

I do not have a phone that can use the app

I am applying in the UK and I cannot receive my decision letter by email

If you see this screen, you will be able to use the UK Immigration: ID Check app to verify your identity if:
- You have access to a supported smartphone (it doesn’t have to be your own phone)
- You are able to receive the decision letter (outcome of your application) by email

If you are not able to access an appropriate smartphone or receive your decision letter by email, select the appropriate statement. You will not be able to use the app, and will need to provide your documents via UKVCAS after your application – skip to page 7 of this guide

(These questions are to establish whether or not you can use the UK Immigration: ID Check app to prove your identity, and which document you can use to do so.)
Create a UK Visas and Immigration account

To use this service, you need to create an account. Once you have an account, you can use it to confirm your identity, apply and use other Home Office services.

What you need
You will need your:
- date of birth
- passport
- email address
- phone number

If you need to give someone application access so they can apply for you, you also need their email address and phone number.

Who can create an account
You can create an account for yourself or someone else in some cases – for example, your young child.

Follow the instructions to create or sign-in to your UKVI account

Create an account:

Who is completing this application form?
- The applicant
- Someone else
  - If you do not need access to the applicant’s account select “Someone else” and answer all questions as the applicant

What is your country of nationality?
This is the country of nationality shown on your identity document. Use the English spelling if it is written in 2 languages.

Enter your biometric residence permit details
Enter exactly as they appear on your BRP card (or enter you passport details instead if prompted)

What is your name?
Enter your name as it is written on your identity document. Use the English spelling if it is written in 2 languages.

What is your date of birth?
Enter these details exactly as they appear on your passport

What is your phone number?
We will send a single-use 6-digit security code by text message (SMS) to this phone. You will need to verify it in the same way as your email.

Do you need to give someone access to your application?

If someone is applying for you, you can give them access to your application.

Use “change” to correct any of the details if you need to. Then click “create account”.

The next screen will confirm your UKVI account has been created.

Click “sign in” and use the same identity document and details entered above to proceed to your Graduate Route application dashboard.

(You will only see these screens if you can use the UK Immigration: ID Check App. If not, skip to page 7 of this guide for guidance on the rest of the application form)
Once you have created a UKVI account and logged in, the next step is to use the app to Confirm your Identity.

**Confirm your identity using the app**

You will need to:

1. Download and open the ‘UK Immigration: ID Check’ app.
2. Use the app to scan your identity document.
3. Upload a photo of yourself.

**Continue on the app**

1. Find a phone the app works on
   You must have an iPhone or Android phone with Near Field Communication (NFC) so the app can scan the biometric chip in your identity document.

   ** iPhones**
   The app will work on an iPhone 7 or newer models.

   ** Android phones**
   Your phone must have NFC if you can use it to make contactless payments.
   If you cannot find a phone, ask a friend or family member if they can use their own. No information is stored on the phone or app after you close it.
   
   **Follow the instructions in the app to verify your BRP/Passport:**
   Use the same document you used to create your UKVI account. It must be a document that carries the biometric chip symbol:
   The app will prompt you to take a photo of the document. The full page/document must be inside the frame. Make sure your phone camera is focused on the text. The app will tell you once the document has been captured/recognised.

   When the app prompts you to “check your document’s information”, you should place the smartphone on top of the document and press “check now”. This is to allow the app to read your document’s biometric chip. If it doesn’t work at first, try moving the app around your document. The app will confirm when this has been successful.

   Finally, the app will ask you to scan your face. Hold your device’s camera in front of your face until the scanning is complete. You can skip this step and provide different evidence to prove your identity if a flashing light may cause you difficulties.

   You may also be asked to take a photo of yourself.
   You must face forward, looking straight at the camera, have your eyes open and visible, and be in clear contrast against a plain, light-coloured background.
   You should ensure you do not have hair in front of your eyes, a head covering (except if for religious or health reasons), anything covering your face, any shadows on your face or behind you, or any other objects or people in the photo.

   Once you’ve completed the process, the app will confirm this. Return to your application, where you should now be able to continue with all of the other steps and questions.

   **Once you have downloaded to app, you need to connect it to this application. Either scan the QR code, or generate code from within the app and enter on the application form.**

   **Connection code**
   You will be given a connection code in the app.
   Enter connection code

   Connect

   **(You will only see these screens if you can use the UK Immigration: ID Check App. If not, skip to page 7 of this guide for guidance on the rest of the application form)**
Your location
Are you in the UK?
- Yes
- No

You cannot apply from this visa unless you are in the UK

When did you first arrive in the UK on your current visa?

Check the date by which you must have entered the UK to be eligible for this route

Enter the date in the format DD MM YYYY

Enter the first date you arrived in the UK using your current student visa.
If you applied for your current visa outside of the UK: date stamp on the temporary travel visa in your passport
If you applied for your current visa in the UK: issue date of your BRP

Save and continue

Other Home Office applications

Do you currently have an application with the Home Office for leave to remain for which you have not yet received a decision?

If you have submitted any other applications to the Home Office which have not yet been decided then submitting this application varies those previous applications. This means that only this application, which you are now completing, will now be considered.

If you have any other application waiting for a decision, that application will be “varied” and no longer considered once you have submitted this application. Most applicants should answer ‘no’

Save and continue

Immigration adviser

Do you have an immigration adviser based in the UK?

Immigration advisers can advise you on matters relating to immigration and citizenship. For more information, click here.

- Yes
- No

Answer ‘no’ unless you are receiving advice from an independent immigration adviser (not the university)

Save and continue

Course

Have you successfully completed your course?

- Yes
- No

You must have successfully completed your course to make this application

Save and continue

Doctorate Extension Scheme

Have you previously been granted permission under the Doctorate Extension Scheme?

The Doctorate Extension Scheme operated as part of the Student route and gave students completing a PhD or other doctoral qualifications a non-extendible 12 months period of permission from the expected completion date of their course.

- Yes
- No

The Doctorate Extension Scheme is a type of visa which closed to new applications in June 2021. It was a type of work visa granted to PhD Graduates for a period after their study had ended.

You cannot apply for a Graduate Route Visa if you have ever been granted permission under the Doctorate Extension Scheme

Save and continue

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Your name
Enter your name, as shown in your passport or travel document. Use the English spelling of your name where provided.

If your name is a foreign name, include your given name first and your family name second, followed by your middle name(s), if any. If you have a patronymic name, include it with your given name. You must tell us your given name and your family name.

I do not have a current passport or travel document

Title

Given name(s)
Your given name is usually your first name.

Family name
Your family name is the surname shared by your family.

I do not have both a given name and a family name

Save and continue

Any other names
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.

If you have ever been known by another name(s) you must select ‘yes’ and provide details

Save and continue

Example Student's contact email
Can we use this email address to contact you?

If possible, we will use this email as your correspondence address. We will use it to contact you about your immigration status after your application has been decided. If your application is successful, we may issue a biometric residence permit (BRP) to you. We will use this email address to make the arrangements to deliver the BRP to you. Emails may go to your spam, junk or trash folders.

You must notify us immediately if your email changes. Find out how to change your details here.

Confirm your contact email. Do not use your @warwick.ac.uk email address. Use a personal email that you check regularly.

Yes  No

Save and continue

Example Student's telephone number
Provide your telephone number

Only include numbers, and for international numbers include the country code. We may contact you by telephone if we have any further questions about your application, or about your immigration status after your application has been decided. This may be a home, work or mobile number.

You must notify us immediately if the contact telephone number you provide as part of this application changes. Find out how to change your details here.

I cannot be contacted by telephone

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

Save and continue

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Provide your current UK address, where you can receive correspondence from the UKVI

Note: if you have used the ID Check App, you will not receive a BRP

About this property

Select which option applies to your home:

- I own it
- I rent it

Provide contact details for your landlord:

Name
This may be the name of a company or a person

Telephone number

Address

City/Town

Postal code (if applicable)

Province/Region/State

Country

Other

Your sex and relationship status

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

- Male
- Female
- Unspecified

What is your relationship status?

I am unsure of my current relationship status

'Single' means that you have never been married or in a civil partnership, and that you do not currently consider yourself in a relationship.

'Unmarried partnership' means that you currently consider yourself in a relationship but are not married or in a civil partnership.

Your passport

Do you have a valid passport?

- Yes
- No

Enter to match your passport

Your nationality, country and date of birth

Country of nationality

If you have previous or additional nationalities, 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

If you have more than one nationality, use the nationality under which your applied for your Tier 4/Student Visa

If you have more than one passport, use the passport with the nationality under which your applied for your Tier 4/Student Visa. If you cannot provide this passport (it has been lost/expired), you will be asked for other evidence of your identity/nationality

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Your biometric residence permit (BRP)
Have you ever had a biometric residence permit for the UK?
A biometric residence permit (BRP) is a card with your name, nationality and picture. It describes your entitlement to be in the UK.

☐ Yes  ☐ No

It is likely that your current Tier 4/Student Visa is in the form of a BRP card, unless you are an EEA National that applied using the ID Check app

Providing your biometric residence permit (BRP)
Are you able to provide a biometric residence permit (BRP) card with this application?

Read guidance about what a BRP is and see examples of what they look like and where to find the BRP number.

☐ Yes
☐ No, I have lost my BRP or it has been stolen
☐ No, I have already sent my BRP to the Home Office
☐ No, I cannot provide a BRP

Select the appropriate option. You will usually not need to provide your physical BRP unless you have to attend a UKVCAS appointment/haven’t used the ID Check app

Your National Insurance number
What is your current National Insurance number?
Example QQ 12 34 56 C:

☐ I do not have a National Insurance number

If you have never worked for a UK employer/never paid tax in the UK, it is likely that you do not have a National Insurance number.

Driving licence
Do you have a UK driving licence?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Enter your licence number, if you know it

If you have a provisional or full UK driving licence, enter the licence number here (it is on the front of the photocard)

World travel history
Have you been to any other countries in the past 5 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)?

Provide as much detail as possible, as accurately as possible. Include visits to your own country whilst you were resident anywhere else.

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Your employment history
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 magistrates)
- I have not worked in any of the jobs listed above

Save and continue
If you have ever worked for one of the listed organisations in any country, you must tick the relevant box and provide as much detail as possible.

Official financial sponsor
Have you received money from a financial sponsor?
For example, a government or international scholarship agency.
If you have, in the 12 months before the date of application, been awarded a scholarship or sponsorship for study in the UK, you must provide written consent from that sponsor.

- Yes
- No

Has your financial sponsor given you permission to apply for the Graduate route?

- Yes
- No

Save and continue
If you have received money from a government or international sponsorship agency within the last 12 months, you must select ‘Yes’, and must provide a letter of consent from them with your supporting documents.

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You should check your answers to the questions so far thoroughly. You can return to previous sections and change answers if you need to.

When you continue, you should be provided with a list of documents that you need to submit with your application.

Once you have completed the final sections of your application and made payment, you will not be able to make any changes, except uploading your supporting documents.

Conditions
If your application is successful, there will be conditions on your visa or leave to remain. This will include, for example, whether you are able to work in the UK.

If you stay in the UK without permission:
- You can be detained
- You can be prosecuted, fined and imprisoned
- You can be removed and banned from returning to the UK
- You will not be allowed to work
- You will not be able to rent a home
- You will not be able to claim any benefits and can be prosecuted if you try to
- You can be charged by the NHS for medical treatment
- You can be denied access to a bank account
- DVLA can prevent you from driving by taking away your driving licence

- I confirm that I understand and accept these conditions

Save and continue
You must read the declaration carefully before continuing.
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**Declaration**

By sending this application, you confirm that to the best of your knowledge and belief the following is correct:

- the information relating to the application
- the supporting evidence

I understand that the data I have given can be used as set out in the [privacy policy](#). I consent to organisations, including financial institutions, providing information to the Home Office when requested in relation to this application.

I have discussed with any other applicants that I am acting on behalf of, and confirmed that the contents of the application are correct and complete.

I agree to the [terms and conditions](#).

I understand that if false information is given, the application can be refused and I may be prosecuted, and, if I am the applicant, I may be banned from the UK.

I confirm that:

- [ ] I am the applicant aged 18 or over
- [ ] I am the applicant aged under 18
- [ ] I am the parent or legal guardian of the applicant who is aged under 18 and completing and submitting the form on their behalf
- [ ] I am submitting the form on behalf of the applicant

I accept the above

You must ready the declaration and confirm that you are the applicant before continuing.

**Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS)**

Add your Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) reference number

If you have not paid your IHS, you must do so before you can complete your visa application. You must pay using the external IHS website and then return to this site to complete your visa application. When you go to the IHS website, this application will be locked even if you do not pay your IHS straight away.

If you do wish to edit your answers before submitting this application, you must do so now through [Show and edit answers](#).

[Go to IHS website](#)

If you have already paid your IHS, you will have received this reference number via email. Your reference number will be 9 digits long and start with IHS, for example, IHS123456789.

Enter your IHS reference number

[ ] I am exempt from paying IHS

You must pay the Immigration Health Surcharge for your application before continuing.

Click ‘Go to the IHS website’ to be automatically redirected to the IHS payment system.

Once the IHS payment has been processed you will receive a IHS reference number which you will need to copy paste into the box on the left before you can complete your visa application. You cannot submit your visa application if you have not paid the Immigration Health Surcharge.

[Save and continue](#)
The Immigration Health Surcharge must be paid for the full period of visa you may be granted if the application is successful. It is payable in addition to the UKVI application fee.

Any visa application submitted without the relevant IHS fee having been paid will be considered invalid.

**PhD Graduates**: 3 years = 3 x £624 = IHS Fee of **£1872**  
**All other eligible Graduates**: 2 years = 2 x £624 = IHS Fee of **£1248**

Some of the details are auto-populated from your visa application and cannot be changed.

**Click to enter the required information:**  
Applying to stay in the Isle of Man, Jersey or Guernsey? ‘No’

**Click to enter the required information:**  
PhD Graduates must select ‘3 Year (PhD Graduate) Route’  
All other eligible Graduates must select ‘2 Year Route’

If you used the ID Check app to scan your BRP, the BRP number may be shown here instead of your Passport. This is not a problem, and cannot be changed.

Once you have completed the required information, continue, accept the declaration, and make payment using a credit or debit card. You must then return to your application to pay the application fees.
After you have paid the IHS and agreed all the conditions and declaration you will have to select the application route you intend to use before paying; the fees and processing times will be displayed. **Your application date is the date on which you pay your application fees.**

We advise that once you have submitted your application you download a copy of the application form and the document checklist for your own records. You will receive e-receipts for the IHS and visa application fee payments.

Remember to check the email account which you used for the visa application regularly as the Home Office may contact you if they require more information in order to process your application; failure to respond to such a request may result in your application being unsuccessful.

If you used the ID Check App:
You must upload and submit the required supporting documents on the application form.

If you did not use the ID Check App:
You must click “Book an appointment” and register for a UKVCAS account, then upload your supporting documents to the UKVCAS website. You will be contacted by UKVCAS within 5-10 working days regarding whether or not you must book an appointment to attend a UKVCAS centre in person, or whether your previous biometrics can be re-used.