



Applying for ATAS

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When and why you should apply for an ATAS certificate

- For **new students**, ATAS will form part of the conditional offer to study at the University of Warwick
- ATAS clearance is **specific to the course, area and institution**, therefore if you have offers from more than one University or for more than one course of study you should submit an application for each programme of study or research area where ATAS applies
- If the end date of your **course has been extended** by more than three months and your course attracts ATAS clearance and then you will need to apply for a new certificate, even if you are only writing up your thesis.
 - For continuing students – if you have been granted an extension/corrections/resubmission then you will most likely need a new ATAS as your visa extension will be more than 3 months.
- If your **area of research has changed** so substantially that your original ATAS clearance no longer applies then you will need to apply for a new ATAS certificate
- If you are **changing course** and your new course attracts ATAS then you will need ATAS clearance before the course transfer can be processed
- If you are coming to the UK as a **Visiting Researcher** your area of study attracts ATAS and you will use the **Standard Visit Visa route**, you will need ATAS clearance – this applies to **non-visa nationals** applying for leave to enter at the border too

Information and guidance

[Academic Technology Approval Scheme \(ATAS\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

!Please take time to read the official guidance online before starting your application!

This application guide is not intended to replace the official advice from gov.uk and should be used alongside the information on their website. The University of Warwick is not involved in the processing of ATAS applications.

Guidance

Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS)

Apply for an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate in order to study certain subjects in the UK.

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Confirm that you require ATAS clearance before starting the application

[Check if you need an ATAS certificate \(academic-technology-approval.service.gov.uk\)](https://academic-technology-approval.service.gov.uk)

Check if you need an ATAS certificate

Please do not complete an application without referring to the guidance available at:

www.gov.uk/academic-technology-approval-scheme

Failure to follow the guidance may delay your application

To check if you need an ATAS certificate you will need to know the CAH3 code that applies to your course or research. Your Higher Education Institute (HEI) or employer will either include this on your official offer letter or will be able to confirm it for you separately.

CAH3 code

Please Select --

Are you a taught / research student or are you a researcher?

Taught / research student Researcher

What type of study are you undertaking?

Research Taught

What is your country of nationality?

Please Select --

Check

The CAH3 code can be found in an email from your Admissions team which also includes more useful information about how to apply for ATAS clearance.

Select 'Taught/research student' NOT researcher (this option is for paid research, not study)

Choose 'taught' if you are on a Postgraduate Taught course or integrated Masters, such as an MEng, or 'research' if you are undertaking a PhD, or are a visiting researcher.

Choose your country of nationality from the drop down list. Some nationalities, including EEA/EU, are exempt from requiring ATAS clearance.

Creating an account

After confirming that you need ATAS clearance, based on the answers provided on the previous page, you will need to create an account before you can apply.

! Your answers indicate that you will require an **ATAS** certificate to study or research in the **UK**.

You will need to apply for an ATAS certificate before applying for your visa or extension of stay. The possession of an ATAS certificate does not guarantee you a visa or extension of stay. You must also provide evidence that you meet the usual student or research criteria. Visa applications will also automatically be refused if you need an ATAS certificate and cannot provide one.

In order to apply for an ATAS certificate you will need to create a user account, or sign in if you have one already.

Create an account

Create an account to save and submit your applications.

If you've already created an account, you can [sign in](#).

Email address

Password

This must be at least 9 characters and contain uppercase letters, lowercase letters and numbers.

Use an email address that you have regular easy access to and which is not shared with anyone else. Do not share details of your ATAS log in with anyone else.

Once done, click 'Create Account'

Create account

Your applications

There are no applications that you have created or submitted online.

[Apply for an ATAS certificate](#)

Click here.

If you are a **new student**, make sure you have access to your email from admissions containing your course information before starting the application.

Apply for an ATAS certificate



UK, EEA, Switzerland, United States, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Singapore, Japan and Republic of Korea nationals do not need to apply for an ATAS certificate.

Before applying for an ATAS certificate, you'll need to read the [ATAS guidance](#).

Are you a taught / research student or are you a researcher? *

Taught / research student Researcher

Select 'Taught/research student' NOT researcher (in this context 'researcher' refers to paid research, not research undertaken through study)

What type of study are you undertaking? *

Research Taught

Choose 'taught' if you are on a Postgraduate Taught course or integrated Masters, such as an MEng (RQF level 7) or 'research' if you are undertaking a PhD (RQF level 8), or are a visiting researcher applying to the standard visit visa route.

Before applying for an ATAS certificate, you'll need to read the [ATAS guidance](#).

If you need an ATAS certificate to study in the UK complete the checklist below to get started.

Checklist

Are you ready to apply for your UK Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate? *

Yes No

Have you received a CAH3 code from your Higher Education Institute (HEI), or research institute? *

Yes No

Remember, new students can only apply for ATAS clearance after they have received a conditional offer - this applies to visiting research students as well.

You cannot apply before your admissions team has contacted you with details of your CAH3 code.

Continuing students applying for new ATAS to cover a period of academic extension on the same course will already have their CAH3 code.

[Start application](#)

What you need to know

- Takes around 1 hour to complete the form
- Sections can be completed in any order
- You can save your progress and continue at a later date
- If you are given an ATAS certificate it will only be valid for 6 months from the date issued ← Your ATAS certificate must be valid on the date you submit your visa application.

Apply for an ATAS certificate

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1	Proposed study	COMPLETE	Edit
2	Personal details	NOT STARTED	Start
3	Spouse	NOT STARTED	Start

There are 10 sections to complete and they can be done in any order.

Click on 'Start' to answer the questions in each section.

Once you have finished a section it will show as 'Complete' (circled above) but you can still go back and change the information entered by clicking 'Edit'.

Remember to save at the end of each section by clicking 'Save for later'.

Save for later

You can also log out part way

through and return to complete the application later.
You cannot submit an application until all questions in all sections have been answered.

Section 1: Proposed study

What university or Higher Education Institution will you be studying at? *

University of Warwick

Course

What subject will you be studying? *

When will your course start? *

DD/MM/YYYY, eg 06/09/2013

When do you expect your course to end? *

DD/MM/YYYY, eg 01/07/2016

What is your CAH3 course code? *

Please Select --

What qualification will you be studying for? *

Please Select --

Supervisor name at UK University *

If you have offers from more than one University you will need to make a new ATAS application for each course at each institution.

For Subject – only put the subject such as “Engineering” “Biomedical Science” “etc” . Do not put the full title of the course (do not add PHD / Research etc).

New students - enter the information exactly as it appears in the email you receive from your admissions team. This will include a named contact at the University that you can enter as your supervisor.

Continuing students, e.g. those in academic extension or applying for new ATAS due to a change of course - enter the date of next day of when you will submit the ATAS application as the course start date (the form does not allow you to enter a date in the past). If you are applying due to a course change, use the name and CAH3 code of the new course.

All applicants should choose the appropriate qualification name from the drop down list of options.

What will you be studying?

Please provide the description of your thesis/area of research as provided in the official documentation from your University.

Enter text here

Refer to the email from admissions and copy paste the relevant information. For PhD students this will be a description of your area of research; for Integrated Masters or Taught Postgraduate programmes it will be details of the modules available to you.

Why do you want to study this?

Tell us why you are interested in this subject and your future plans (minimum 5 sentences). *

Enter text here

This is a personal statement from you about why you want to study the course. If you are a current student changing course or are in academic extension and need a new ATAS certificate to extend your visa, then you can mention that here too.

What are your goals when you complete your intended programme?

What do you aim to achieve by the end of the course and how does this course tie in with your future ambitions? *

Enter text here

Joint programme details

Is this a joint programme with another country? *

Yes No

← You should only answer 'yes' to this if your course is an official joint degree taught between Warwick and another overseas institution (this does not include courses with a placement year abroad). If you answer 'yes' you will need to give details of which part of the course is studied in the UK, e.g. the final year.

Section 2: Personal details

Title *

Please Select -- ▾

Given names *

Given names must be the same as they appear on your passport

Surname *

Surname (family name) must be the same as it appears on your passport

Gender *

Please Select -- ▾

Date of birth (when were you born)? *

DD/MM/YYYY, eg 01/10/1990

What town or city were you born in? *

What country were you born in? *

Please Select -- ▾

Passport number *

When was your passport issued? *

DD/MM/YYYY, eg 01/10/2006

When does your passport expire? *

DD/MM/YYYY, eg 06/09/2013

The answers to these questions must match the information on your passport.

If you will be obtaining a new passport, please do so before making your ATAS application and remember to inform your admissions team so that they can update your student record before assigning a CAS/issuing an unconditional offer letter.

Section 2: Personal details - continued

Nationality

What is your nationality? *

Please Select -- 

Select your nationality from the list of options – this should be the nationality shown on the passport you will use. If you have dual nationality, answer ‘yes’ and then provide details of your other nationality.

Do you have dual nationality? *

Yes No

You must answer this question honestly and provide further details of any/all UK visa refusals. It will not normally affect the outcome of your ATAS application but it is a criminal offence to not disclose this information when asked.

Admission to UK refusal

Have you ever been refused admission to the UK either through visa refusal or denied entry? *

Yes No

This includes any occasion where you were denied entry to the UK at the border.

Military service details

Have you ever served in the military? *

Yes No

Answer honestly and provide more details where appropriate. This includes any compulsory military service you may have undertaken.

CBRN training details

Have you ever trained in CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear) or in using firearms? *

Yes No

If you answer ‘yes’ to either of these questions you will be asked to provide more, specific information.

Government research details

Have you ever supported or worked on Government funded research and if so in what capacity? *

Yes No

Section 2: Personal details - continued

List of Languages, including competency level

Language *

Please Select --

Competency *

Please Select --

Add another language? *

Yes No

Language *

Please Select --

Competency *

Please Select --

Add another language? *

Yes No

First, provide details of your mother tongue/native language and select the appropriate competency level, e.g. native.

Then click 'yes' if you are bilingual or speak any other languages. You can add as many languages as you need – don't forget to include English!

When you are done providing information about the languages you can speak, click 'no'.



Section 3: Spouse

This section is about your spouse (husband, wife or civil partner). You need to answer all of the questions before you submit your application, but you can answer some of the questions now and come back later to complete this section if you need to.

What is your current marital status? *

Please Select -- ▾
Please Select --
Single
Civil partnership
Married
Divorced
Widowed

If you are single, divorced or widowed select the appropriate option from the available list and that will be the end of this section.

Married ▾

If you are married or in a civil partnership, then you will be asked whether your spouse will join you in the UK.

Will your spouse be coming to the UK with you? *

Yes No

If you are inside the UK and your partner is already your visa dependant, OR, if you are outside the UK and your partner will come to the UK as your visa dependant at the same time as you, answer 'yes'. You will then need to answer additional questions about them; name, DOB, nationality, passport details, etc. (not shown).

Section 4: Contact details

This section lets us know how to get in contact with you. You need to answer all of the questions marked with an asterisk (*) before you submit your application, but you can answer some of these questions now and come back later to complete this section if you need to.

What is your preferred email address? *

Alternative email address

In case we cannot contact you through your preferred address

What is your postal address? *

Post/Zip code (if applicable)

Country *

Make sure that no-one else has access to the email account(s) you are using to submit your ATAS application and that you check your spam filters will allow you to receive automated replies. If you are a continuing student we suggest that you use your warwick.ac.uk account.

Give the postal address where you are currently residing – this may be different from your home address if you are at University or living in alternative accommodation while studying.

Select the appropriate country from the list of options.

Telephone number

You need to supply at least one telephone number in case we need to contact you by phone

Home telephone number

Mobile telephone number

You do not need to give three contact telephone numbers but you must ensure that you provide at least one where you can be reached.

Work telephone number

Section 5: Undergraduate / Postgraduate Studies

This section is about your previous study at university. You need to answer all of the questions before you submit your application, but you can answer some of the questions now and come back later to complete this section if you need to.

Have you undertaken any undergraduate or postgraduate studies? *

Yes No

Answer 'No' if you are a new Undergraduate student and have not undertaken any previous study at degree level.

Have you undertaken any undergraduate or postgraduate studies? *

Yes No

Answer 'Yes' if you are a new Postgraduate Taught or Research student; if you are a current student applying for a new visa due to academic extension or a course transfer; if you are applying for a new visa to re-join your course after a break in studies.

University name

Name *

Start with your most recent place of study (you can add additional institutions later if you have studied at more than one place. Use the official University address, not a campus residence address.

Which department or faculty did you study in? *

If you are a continuing student, the address for Warwick is: University of Warwick, Gibbet Hill Road, Coventry, CV4 7AL

University address *

Post/Zip code (if applicable)

Country *

Section 5: Undergraduate / Postgraduate Studies - continued

Course

What was your course or thesis title? *

When did you start your course? *

DD/MM/YYYY, eg 05/09/2007

When did your course end? *

DD/MM/YYYY, eg 29/06/2010

What qualification did you receive? *

What you studied

Provide a brief description of the subjects covered on your course. *

No more than 500 characters

Refer to your official transcript or graduation certificate for this information.

If you are a continuing Warwick student applying for a new visa due to academic extension the give the details of your current course, the original start date and the revised end date.

If you are applying for ATAS due to a course transfer then give the details of the course you are transferring from.

If you have not yet received your qualification because you are a continuing student, enter the name of award you expect to receive, e.g. 'Masters in Electronic Engineering' and then – 'to be awarded'.

You can add details of other courses you have studied by clicking

Add another study

Section 6: Other studies

This section is about your previous study at colleges or institutions other than university. This includes any formal professional training you have undertaken. **You do not need to tell us about your studies at school (up to the age of 18).** You need to answer all of the questions before you submit your application, but you can answer some of the questions now and come back later to complete this section if you need to.

Have you undertaken any studies since you left school, other than those you told us about in section 5? *

Yes No

This section refers to any other studies you have undertaken after the age of 18 at somewhere other than a University, for example, college courses, accredited training programme or professional qualifications.

If you answer yes, then you will need to provide more information, just as before. Start with the most recent and add more by clicking

Add another study

Education provider

Name of college or education institution *

Which department or faculty did you study in? *

College/institution address *

Section 7: Published papers

This section is about any academic or professional papers you have published. You need to answer all of the questions before you submit your application, but you can answer some of the questions now and come back later to complete this section if you need to.

Have you published any academic or professional papers? *

Yes No

About your published paper

What was the title of your paper? *

What subject was it about? *

eg mechanical engineering, nanotechnology, aeronautics

In which year was it published? *

YYYY, eg 2008

What your paper said

Provide a brief summary of your paper. *

No more than 500 characters

Enter text here

If the answer is 'yes', start with your most recent publication and answer all of the questions as shown.

Add more papers if needed by clicking [Add another paper](#)

Section 8: Employment history

Read the advice about what information to include.

Have you ever been employed? *

Yes No

About your job

What was the name of the company or organisation you worked for? *

What was their address? *

This section is about your employment. This includes any paid work you have done and any long-term voluntary (ie unpaid) work since you left school. **You do not need to tell us about temporary jobs you have done during university vacations.** You need to answer all of the questions before you submit your application, but you can answer some of the questions now and come back later to complete this section if you need to.

If the answer is 'yes', start with your most recent place of employment and provide full details. You do not need to mention temporary roles or vacation jobs.

You will need to give details of the date you worked for each employer and a brief description of what your role involved (questions not shown here).

You can add another employer by clicking

Add another job

Section 9: Referees

About your referee

Title *

Please Select -- ▾

What is the full name of your referee? *

You must not use initials and should provide a first name and last name

What email address should we use if we need to contact this referee?

Email address or telephone number is required

What is their telephone number? Please give a direct number if possible.

Email address or telephone number is required

How long have you known this referee? (minimum 3 years)*

Please Select -- ▾

Years

Please Select -- ▾

Months

This section is about the people who will be providing references for your application. You must have known your referees for at least 3 years. You need to give us details of at least 2 referees before you submit your application and at least one of them should be an academic from your country of origin. If you do not have all of the information you need you can provide some details now and come back later to complete this section if you need to. Please note that friends and family are not accepted as referees.

If you are a new Undergraduate student then you will need to provide the details of a teacher from your school who has known or taught you for at least 3 years.

New Postgraduate students can give details of their lecturers or personal tutor from University.

You can also cite professional/military colleagues or former employers, provided they have know you for at least 2 years and are not friends or family.

If you are a continuing Warwick student you can cite a member of staff from your department if they have know you for 2 years but you must still give details of a teacher/academic from your home country.

Section 9: Referees - continued

Who your referee works for

What is your referee's position within this organisation? *

What does this organisation do? *

eg university, manufacturing, engineering

Name of the organisation your referee works for *

What is their address? *

After completing the details of your first referee you will need to add a second by clicking

Add another referee

You cannot submit your ATAS application without details of 2 referees.

Section 9: Sponsors

This section is about the people who will be sponsoring your study in the UK. You need to answer all of the questions before you submit your application, but you can answer some of the questions now and come back later to complete this section if you need to.

About your sponsors

If you are funding yourself, please enter your own name.

What is the name of your sponsor? *

What is their address? *

Post/Zip code (if applicable)

Country *

What email address should we use if we need to contact your sponsor? *

In this context, 'sponsor' refers to whether you are self-funded or in receipt of Government funds/scholarship.

If your parents are paying for your education then you should still enter your name, not theirs, as the name of your sponsor, and then enter your address and contact information.

Section 9: Sponsors - continued

Conditions

Are there any conditions attached to your sponsor's offer? *

Yes No

Provide details of the conditions your sponsor has attached to their offer. *

No more than 500 characters

Enter text here

If you are in receipt of Government funding or some other scholarship and there are conditions attached, for example; the funding is linked to a specific area/course of study; you are funded for a set period of time; or upon completion of your studies you must return to your home country, please use the space to provide details.

If there are no conditions to you financial sponsorship, answer 'no'.

Apply for an ATAS certificate

Your Application is ready to submit

Check all of the information you have provided is correct before submitting your application.

After an application has been submitted, it cannot be changed or revoked.

[Submit application](#)

Take time to review your answers before submitting your application, as the information you provide will appear on your ATAS certificate; if you notice any mistakes after you have applied you cannot make changes and will need to submit a new application.

You can review and edit each section by clicking on the [Edit](#) buttons.