Self-Assessment: CAS Eligible for Postgraduate Applicants who Require a Tier 4 Student Visa to Study at Warwick and who wish to Take Pre-sessional English Course (PSE)

Have you received an offer to study a postgraduate course at Warwick?

YES

Do you have a valid Secure English Language Certificate, * (see below) or, are you one of the ‘Exceptions’?

NO

YES

Is your current offer conditional?

NO

YES

Is it likely that you will receive and accept an unconditional offer 4 weeks before the PSE start date (see examples in the box below)?

NO

YES

You are eligible*** (see below) for a CAS which covers the period of the PSE course only and will need to make another visa application in the UK (£439 application fees) - you will be required to attend visa tutorial sessions during your PSE course to help you manage this process. Once you receive an offer for PSE, let Admissions know you need a CAS for PSE only.

NO

You cannot assign a CAS because a Pre-sessional course must be one that directly precedes the main course of study. You should either wait until you receive your offer, or attend using Student Visitor Visa (note you must leave the UK at the end of the PSE course in this case).

You cannot assign a CAS unless you are one of the following ‘Exceptions’: 1) switching from Tier 4 (child); or 2) a national of majority English speaking countries** or Canada; or, 3) has a degree level qualification (according to NARIC) which was taught in a majority English speaking country,** or, 4) already hold an unconditional offer at Warwick, or, registering on the Pre-sessional course is the last remaining offer condition.

We cannot assign a CAS quickly. Once you receive your CAS, aim to use the 3 day ‘priority service’ which is available in many countries including China (search for ‘user pay service’ on the visa application webpage of your country).

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- You will need to make a judgment when you are likely to have an unconditional offer. For example, if the only offer condition is ‘re-sit IELTS or take Pre-sessional’, once you receive a PSE offer, you will have met this condition and you will receive an updated offer automatically within a few days. If it is ‘award of your degree and final grade’, think about when you will receive official confirmation of this, how long it takes to post to the UK, and allow for 5 days of processing time for Admissions to update your offer and 5 days to complete the CAS-assignment process. For example, if you receive your official degree documentation end of June, it might be possible to have an unconditional offer 4 weeks before the 5-week PSE start date but if your degree is not confirmed until mid-July, you should request a CAS for PSE only.

- You will be eligible*** (see below) for a CAS which covers the periods of both the PSE course and the main degree course when your offer becomes unconditional. Please ensure that you send in necessary documentation to meet your offer condition as soon as practically possible. Read the instructions carefully and respond to any email related to the assignment of a CAS quickly. Once you receive your CAS, aim to use the 3-5 day ‘priority service’ which is available in many countries including China (search for ‘user pay service’ on the visa application webpage of your country).

* A valid Secure English Language Certificate is defined as an in-date (i.e., not expired) IELTS for UKVI certificate [which has a UKVI reference number on the IELTS certificate itself] at a minimum of CEFR B2 level (or higher, if you need to rely on the PSE course to meet the admissions requirement for English language). It is acceptable to use two different English language certificates as long as one certificate meets the UKVI requirement (and is at CEFR B2), and the other meets the university’s admissions requirement.


** UKVI majority English Speaking Countries include: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, The Bahamas Barbados Belize, Dominica Grenade Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, New Zealand, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom and United States of America.

*** Eligibility is subject to other criteria and full assessment will be made as part of the CAS assignment process which will normally start 2-3 months prior to the PSE course start date (For more details, see www.warwick.ac.uk/immigration/visas/student/cas).