

# Academic extension and your Student Visa

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This presentation is for students enrolled on postgraduate taught courses who have been granted additional time to submit their dissertation.

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If you have been given resets, please refer to our other presentation.

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Before making an application to extend your student visa, we'd encourage you to consider the following points.

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To apply for a graduate visa, you'll need to have a valid student visa on the date you make the application.

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If your final qualification won't be awarded before your current student visa expires because of the date of the exam board, then you'll need to extend your student visa.

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Some departments may offer their students the opportunity to submit their dissertation from overseas.

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This might be of interest to you if you don't want to apply for a graduate visa or stay in the UK while completing your studies.

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You don't need to have a valid student visa to complete your study overseas, but you'll need to leave the UK before your leave expires, then submit your dissertation remotely.

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Think carefully before applying to extend your student visa.

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Do you have a job offer with an employer who could potentially sponsor a skilled worker visa?

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Or are you considering a PhD and would be better off applying for a three-year graduate visa later on?

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Can you afford the visa fee and immigration health surcharge alongside additional accommodation costs if you stay in the UK?

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If you're having trouble understanding your options, then our team of friendly advisers are here to help.

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Extending your student visa You must extend your student visa while there is still an academic reason to do so.

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So before you submit your dissertation, the university can't sponsor an extension to your student visa after you've completed all the academic elements of your course, so you'll need to time your visa application carefully.

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You must apply from inside the UK, and you'll need to stay here while the application is under consideration.

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If you want to travel overseas before your current visa expires, you'll need to make sure you return to the UK before you've submitted your dissertation and extend your student visa.

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First, you'll need to request a new CAS via our website.

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However, we can't assign a new CAS before your student status has been updated and your course end date changed.

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Please don't contact us for a new CAS before this has happened.

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Complete the online application form to extend your student visa using the guidance on our website.

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If needed, pay the visa application fee and immigration health surcharge for the period of leave you're applying for.

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Submit the application and then wait for the outcome while your visa application is in progress.

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If you make a valid in time application, the conditions of the visa you're applying to extend will continue while the new application is being considered.

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This means you do not need to have a decision on the new application before your current student visa expires.

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You will remain fully registered on your course throughout, but cannot travel outside the UK until you've had a decision on the application.

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Your right to work is limited to 20 hours a week.

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This continues while your visa application is being considered.

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If your student visa expires before you have a decision on the new application, employers can check your right to work with the Home Office.

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If your application to extend your student visa is successful, you can work full time once your new course end date has passed.

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Applying for a graduate visa?

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Your qualification must be conferred, that means awarded before you are eligible to apply for a graduate visa.

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If the final outcome is a lower qualification, such as a diploma or postgraduate certificate, you won't meet the successful course completion criteria to apply for a graduate visa.

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You'll need to consider other visa options if you'd like to stay in the UK beyond the end date of your student visa.

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After your qualification has been conferred and this information updated to your student record, an automated report will inform the Home Office of your successful course completion.

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We will contact you by e-mail to confirm this report has been made and that you are eligible to apply for a graduate visa.

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You then have until the date your student visa expires to make an application for a graduate visa, assuming that you'll also meet the other application criteria.

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You can only make this application from inside the UK, so if you are overseas when your reward is conferred, you will need to return to the UK and apply before your student visa expires.

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Complete the application form online, pay the fee and the immigration health surcharge.

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You'll have to stay in the UK while the application is being considered and not travel until you've had a decision.

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If your application is approved, your graduate visa will allow you to work in most jobs in the UK, to be self-employed or undertake voluntary work.

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There's no restriction on the number of hours you can work or the number of employers you can work for.

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You can't extend the graduate visa, so you'll either need to switch into another visa route or exit the UK before your leave expires.

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Further advice can be found on our website at the link shown on screen.

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This includes how to request a new CAS Tell us about a visa application Oregon that you've left the UK.

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If you have a query, we'd love to hear from you via our contact form, also located on this web page.