



UK STUDENT VISA 2026

The UK remains one of the world's most prestigious study destinations in 2026. Home to globally ranked universities, a UK degree carries international prestige. The 2-year Graduate Route visa allows students to work in the UK after completing their degree – no

5.5 Bands Minimum IELTS	10–15 Lakh+ Approx. Funds (INR)	Graduate Route Post-Course Options	HIGH Our Success Rate
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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

CAS Number	Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies from UK licensed sponsor university
English Proficiency	IELTS UKVI: 5.5 (undergraduate) to 6.5–7.0 (postgraduate)
Financial Maintenance	GBP 1,529/month in London or GBP 1,171/month outside London (held 28 days)
Health Surcharge	GBP 776/year Immigration Health Surcharge – mandatory, paid during application
TB Test	Required for Indian applicants at UKVI-approved clinic before applying
Visa Application Fee	GBP 558 (outside UK)
Passport Validity	Valid for full duration of study

APPLICATION PROCESS

- › Receive CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies) number from your UK university
- › Complete TB test at an approved UKVI clinic in India
- › Apply online via UKVI portal – up to 6 months before course start date
- › Pay Immigration Health Surcharge (GBP 776/year) and visa fee (GBP 490) during application
- › Book and attend biometrics appointment at a UKVI Visa Application Centre in India
- › Await decision (~15 working days) and collect Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) on arrival

POST-STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

- › Graduate Route Visa: 18 Months post-study work (3 years for PhD) – no job offer required
- › Skilled Worker Visa: Switch from Graduate Route once skilled employment is secured
- › Settlement (ILR): After 5 years on eligible visas, apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain
- › Dependants: Spouse and children allowed for Research Masters, PhD and government-sponsored students

2026 UPDATE: The Graduate Route remains fully active for 2026 – all eligible students can apply for 18 months post-study work. IELTS for UKVI must be taken at an approved UKVI centre, not a standard IELTS venue. Dependants for taught master's students remain restricted.

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