

Graduate visa application guide



About this guide

This guide is intended to help graduates applying for a Graduate visa from within the UK.

This document should be used for guidance only. Information provided here is correct at the time it is published (March 2024), however, the UK Visas and Immigration regulations change frequently. We cannot take responsibility for visa applications submitted because of this guidance.

Before you start the application, please ensure to familiarise yourself with the information on the [Graduate visa route](#) provided by the UKVI.

Please note that we are unable to assist you with your Graduate visa application since it is an unsponsored Immigration route visa.

If you need help with your online application, you may [contact UKVI](#).

Setting up an account

Before you can start an application, you need to answer a range of questions to create an account.

Please choose the relevant answer.

Where are you planning to live?

- England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland
- Jersey, Guernsey or the Isle of Man

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

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

Yes No

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If you answered "**yes**", go to **page 6**.

If your answer was "**no**" go to the next page.

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

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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Please choose the relevant answer.

If you choose "no", you will be asked further questions.

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Confirm your identity

You will need a passport with a biometric chip.

Scan your passport and upload a photo of yourself

To confirm your identity, you will use the free UK Immigration: ID Check app to scan your passport with a biometric chip and upload a photo of yourself.

If you are applying for someone else, the applicant needs to confirm their identity - you can help them use the app.

If you cannot use the app to confirm your identity

You will need to go to a visa application centre after you apply instead. Visa application centres are not available in all countries.

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Does your passport have a biometric chip?

If your passport has a biometric chip, it will have this symbol:



Yes



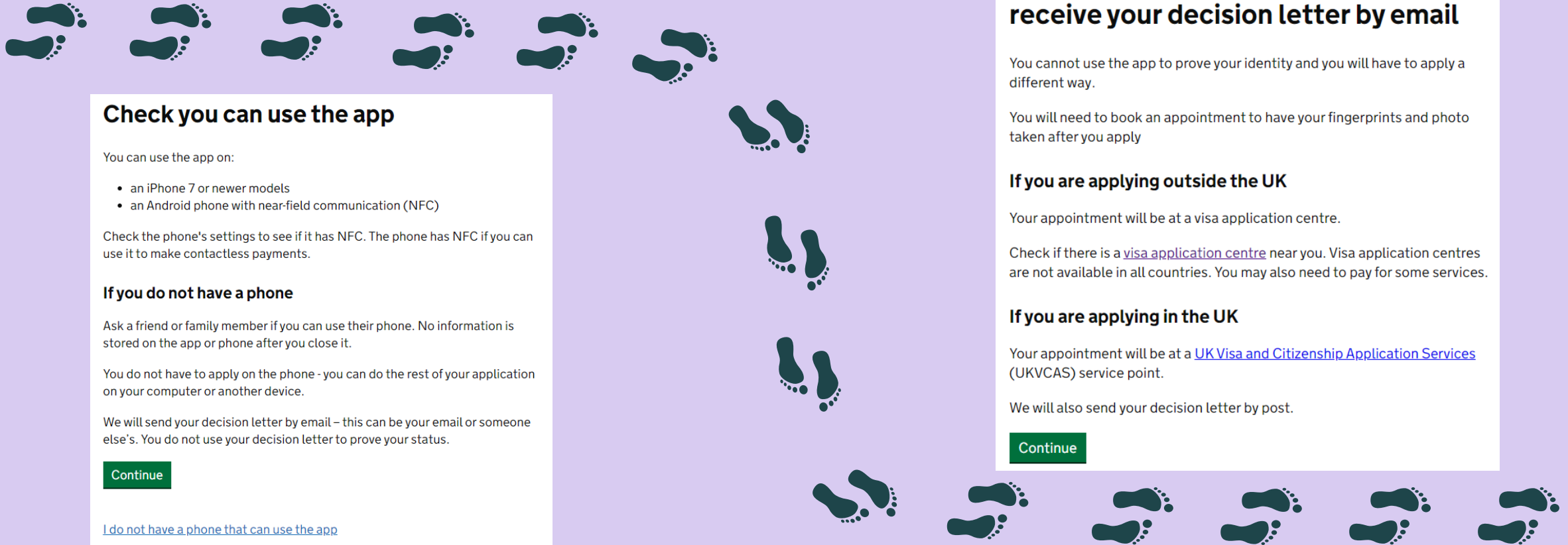
No

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Please continue to the next steps.

Check your passport and choose the relevant answer.

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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.

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[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 do not have a phone or cannot receive your decision letter by email

You cannot use the app to prove your identity and you will have to apply a different way.

You will need to book an appointment to have your fingerprints and photo taken after you apply

If you are applying outside the UK

Your appointment will be at a visa application centre.

Check if there is a [visa application centre](#) near you. Visa application centres are not available in all countries. You may also need to pay for some services.

If you are applying in the UK

Your appointment will be at a [UK Visa and Citizenship Application Services](#) (UKVCAS) service point.

We will also send your decision letter by post.

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You will be asked to download and install the UK Immigration: ID Check app. Check if your phone is compatible with the app.

If you don't have a phone or can't use the app, you will be given a link to complete the visa application online and you'll need to book an appointment at UKVCAS.



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Your location

Are you in the UK?

Yes No

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

Day Month Year

Save and continue

You will need to be in the UK to be able to apply for a Graduate visa. Check the stamp on your vignette or your boarding pass on your leave to enter permission for the date you entered the UK. If your current permission is leave to remain, you will need to check the entry date on your previous leave to enter permission. You can also check previous boarding passes and flight bookings.

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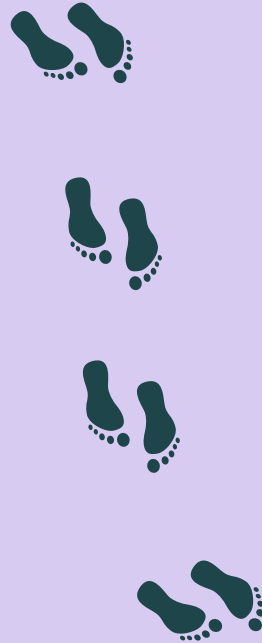
Other Home Office applications

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.

Yes No

Save and continue



Choose the relevant answer here.



Register an email

Enter an email address and password so you can save your answers. You will then be emailed a unique link to let you log back in to your application at a later point, if needed.

Throughout your application, you can select the option to 'Return to this application later' in order to re-send the link to your latest saved application.

Emails sent to this address may contain personal sensitive information. We will send a verification email to this email address. This email address must be verified by clicking the link in the verification email before the application can be submitted

Email address

Create a password

Your password must be 10 characters or longer and must contain at least 3 of the following:

- uppercase letter
- lowercase letter
- a number
- a symbol

Repeat your password

Save and continue

Registration email address

Who does this email belong to?

- The applicant
- An immigration adviser based in the UK
- Someone else

Save and continue

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The email you use to register an account will be used for further communication by UKVI including informing you of your visa decision – please make sure you enter this correctly.
You will also use this email to log back onto your visa application form.



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](#).

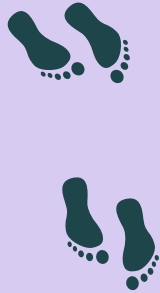
Yes No

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Please choose “no” as this question refers to certified immigration solicitors, unless you are being advised by a solicitor.



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Check your answers

Check the information below before you continue to the next section.



Make sure you check your answers before you proceed.

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Applicant(s)

Once the questions for the main applicant have been completed, you will be able to add additional applicants to this application, such as a family member or dependant

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The applicant

Not started

[Answer questions about this applicant](#)

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Course

Have you successfully completed your course?

You must have received notification that you have passed your course

Yes No

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Now you are ready to start your application. You do not need to submit the application in one go. You can pause it and return to it later using a link you received via email once you registered your email address in one of the first steps in the application.

You can apply for a Graduate visa if

- ✓ You have successfully completed your course and,
- ✓ Your results have been reported to UKVI by the Compliance team and,
- ✓ You have received an email from them confirming your eligibility.

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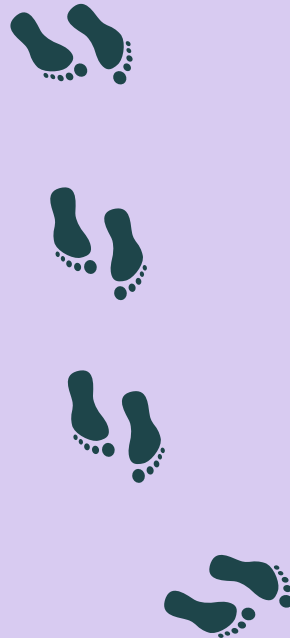
Doctorate Extension Scheme

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

Save and continue



Your name

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

Your given name is usually your first name. If you have middle names, include these with your given name. If your name has a suffix (e.g. Jr), include this with your given name. If you have a patronymic name include it with your given names. You must tell us all your given names.

[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



Answer accordingly to your circumstances.

Provide your name as it appears on your passport

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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.

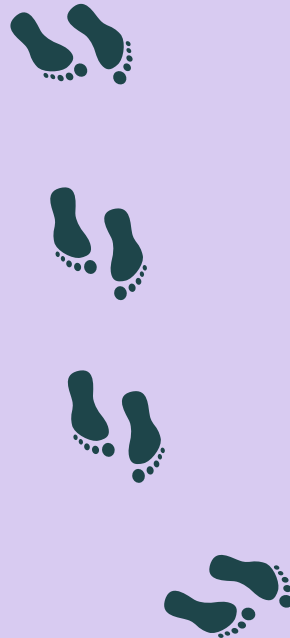
Yes No

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Choose "yes" if you have ever changed your name.



'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 this to contact you about your application and may 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.](#)

Yes No

[Save and continue](#)



You need to use the email you have constant access to.

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■■■■■■■■■■'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](#)

Provide your correct telephone number including the country code and answer the subsequent questions according to your circumstances.

■■■■■■■■■■'s postal address

Provide your postal address

We may use this address to send sensitive personal information and important documents such as your [biometric residence permit](#). If we can't contact you by email, we will use this postal address. We may use this address for correspondence about your application and may use it to contact you about your immigration status after your application has been decided.

You must notify us immediately if your postal address changes. [Find out how to update your details here](#)

If you live in a flat and your flat number is not showing when using the postcode lookup, enter your address manually.

Enter a UK postcode

[Find UK address](#)

[Enter address manually](#)

Is this where you live?

Yes No

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Please note that Regent's is NOT able to receive any BRPs except for Student BRPs. Please ensure that you provide your home address here.

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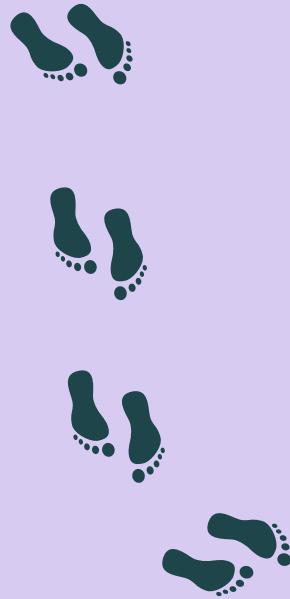


About this property

Select which option applies to your home:

- I own it
- I rent it
- Other

Save and continue



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](#)

Save and continue



Answer these questions accordingly to your circumstances.

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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

For example, 31 3 2020

Day Month Year

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Your passport (██████████)

Do you have a valid passport?

Use your passport to complete this section. If you cannot supply your current and valid passport as part of your application, select No.

Yes No

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You will need to provide your nationality and date of birth. Please make sure the details you enter match the information provided on your passport.

If you have dual nationality, provide the nationality listed on the passport which you chose to use for this application.

It is crucial to provide correct passport details. Double check all the information you enter here. If you have dual nationality, you must enter here the details of the passport which you are using for the purpose of this application. You will then be asked to provide the details of your other nationality later in the application.

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Your identity card (■■■■■■■■■■)

Do you have a valid national identity card?

This includes identity cards, issued from non-UK governments. This does not include driving licences. If you have an internal passport, provide the details here.

Yes No

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If you have a national identity card issued by your home country or the country of your residence, you will be asked to provide its details. You will normally not be asked to present the card as a part of your application. Please note that a BRP (Biometric Residence Permit) or your passport are not a national identity card.

Your other nationalities

Do you currently hold, or have you ever held, any other nationality or citizenship?

You must provide all the nationalities that you currently hold or have ever held.

Yes No

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If you are a dual national, please provide your other nationality here.

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Immigration status

Do you have a Student visa?

Your current or last permission must have been as a Student. This could be entry clearance or permission to stay as a Student or T4 Student

Yes No

Do you have a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number?

The CAS should be from your current or most recent course of study

Yes No

What is your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number?

For example, E5V1463ZL2X000

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To be eligible for a Graduate visa you must be in the UK on a valid Student visa.

You also need to provide your CAS number. You can check it on your most recent CAS letter. If in doubt, email visas@regents.ac.uk

Eligible course

Did you study an eligible course?

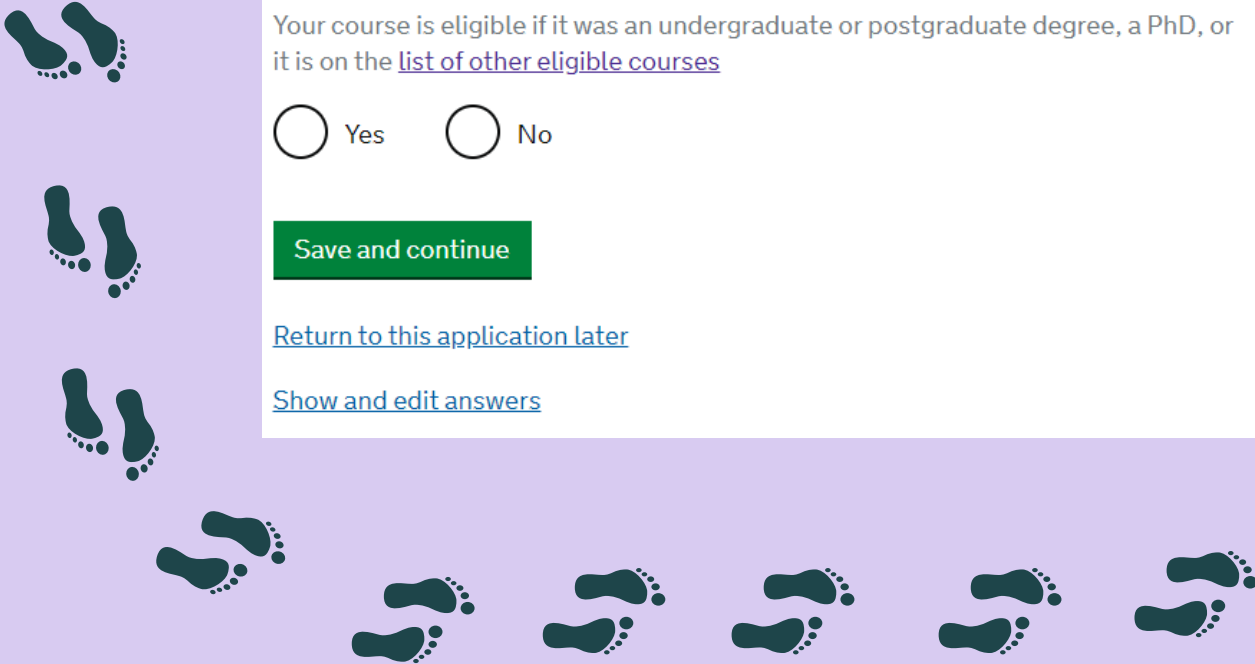
Your course is eligible if it was an undergraduate or postgraduate degree, a PhD, or it is on the [list of other eligible courses](#)

Yes No

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You must have completed a Bachelor's degree, Master's or a PhD course to be able to apply.

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Track record of compliance

Did you study at a higher education provider with a track record of compliance?

If you are unsure, check if your university or college is listed as 'student sponsor-track record' on the [register of student sponsors](#).

Yes No

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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

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Regent's University London is a Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance.

Answer accordingly to your circumstances.

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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

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Answer accordingly to your circumstances.

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

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Provide your National Insurance number if you have one. To work in the UK, you need to have a National Insurance number.

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Driving licence

Do you have a UK driving licence?

Yes No

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Answer accordingly to your circumstances.

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 \(EEA\)?](#)

Yes No

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Please take some time to reflect on this question and provide as accurate information as possible. If you have travelled to any of the listed countries, you will then be prompted to provide more details about your travels.

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Immigration history

For either the UK or any other country, have you ever been:

- Refused a visa
- Refused entry at the border
- Refused permission to stay or remain
- Refused asylum
- Deported
- Removed
- Required to leave
- Excluded or banned from entry

Yes No

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Breach of UK immigration law

Have you ever:

- entered the UK illegally
- remained in the UK beyond the validity of your visa or permission to stay
- breached the conditions of your leave, for example, worked without permission or received public funds when you did not have permission
- given false information when applying for a visa, leave to enter, or leave to remain
- breached UK immigration law in any other way

Yes No

Save and continue



You must answer this question truthfully.

If the answer is 'yes', you will be prompted to provide more details. If this applies to you, please provide comprehensive details of what happened.

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Medical treatment in the UK

Have you ever been given medical treatment in the UK?

For example, if you visited a doctor, clinic or hospital, this counts as having medical treatment

Yes No

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If you had medical treatment in the UK, you will be prompted to provide further details as well as upload evidence that it has been paid in full. Make sure you have the documents ready to be uploaded at the end of the application.

Public funds

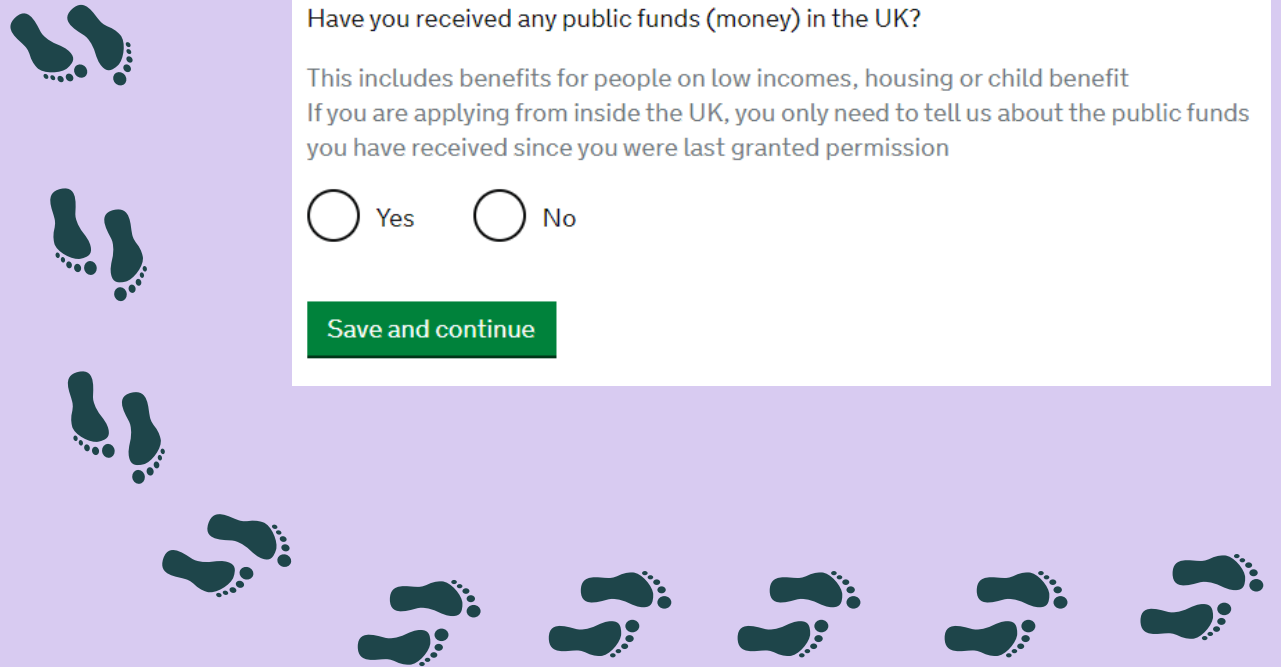
Have you received any public funds (money) in the UK?

This includes benefits for people on low incomes, housing or child benefit
If you are applying from inside the UK, you only need to tell us about the public funds you have received since you were last granted permission

Yes No

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Answer according to your circumstances.



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Convictions and other penalties

At any time have you ever had any of the following, in the UK or in another country?

Only select one answer at a time. If you need to give more than one answer, you can do so on another page.

- A criminal conviction
- A penalty for a driving offence, for example disqualification for speeding or no motor insurance
- An arrest or charge for which you are currently on, or awaiting trial
- A caution, warning, reprimand or other out-of-court penalty
- A civil court judgment against you, for example for non payment of debt, bankruptcy proceedings or anti-social behaviour
- A civil penalty issued under UK immigration law
- No, I have never had any of these

You must tell us about spent as well as unspent convictions. You must tell us about any absolute or conditional discharges you have received for an offence.

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War crimes

You must read all of the information on this page before answering.

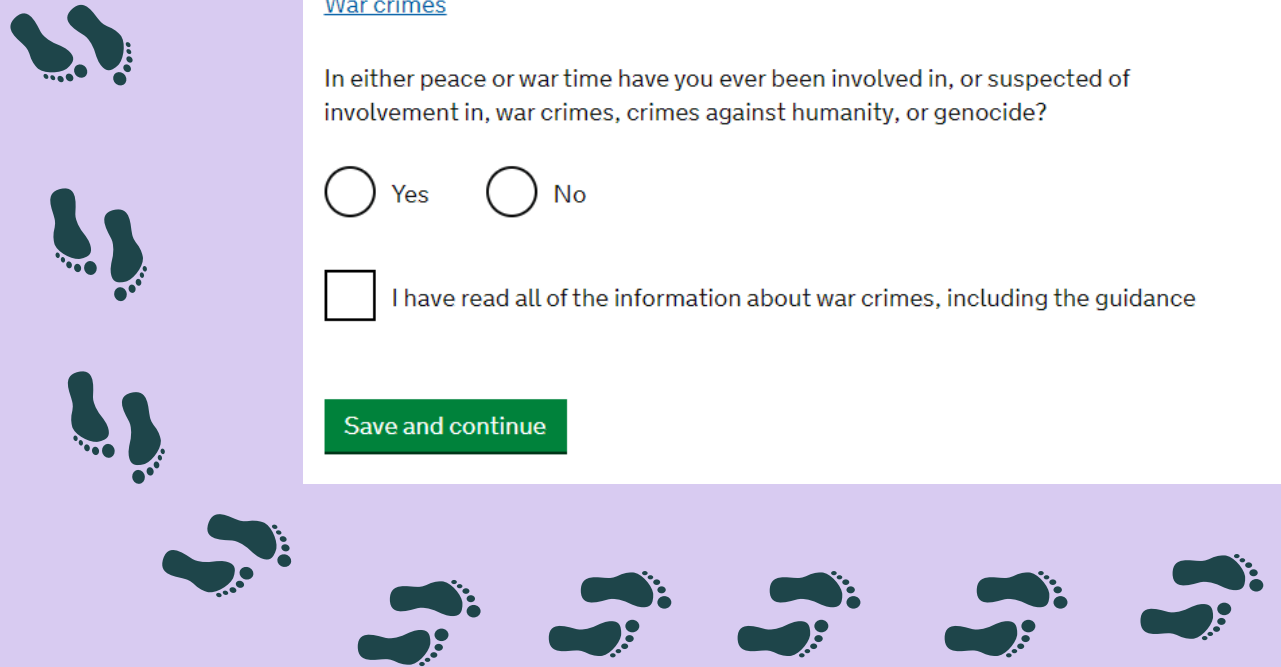
[War crimes](#)

In either peace or war time have you ever been involved in, or suspected of involvement in, war crimes, crimes against humanity, or genocide?

Yes No

I have read all of the information about war crimes, including the guidance

[Save and continue](#)



You must answer this question truthfully.

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Terrorist activities, organisations and views

You must read all of the information on this page before answering.

[Terrorist activities](#)

Have you ever been involved in, supported or encouraged terrorist activities in any country?

Yes No

[Terrorist organisations](#)

Have you ever been a member of, or given support to, an organisation which has been concerned in terrorism?

Yes No

Have you, by any means or medium, expressed views that justify or glorify terrorist violence or that may encourage others to commit terrorist or other serious criminal acts?

Yes No

I have read all of the information about terrorist activities, organisations and views, including the guidance

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Extremist organisations and views

You must read all of the information on this page before answering.

[Extremist organisations](#)

Have you ever been a member of, or given support to, an organisation which is or has been concerned with extremism?

Yes No

[Extremist views](#)

Have you, by any means or medium, expressed any extremist views?

Yes No

I have read all of the information about extremist organisations and views, including the guidance

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You must answer this question truthfully and confirm you have read the additional information provided.

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Person of good character

Have you, as a part of your employment or otherwise, undertaken paid or unpaid activity on behalf of a non-UK government which you know to be dangerous to the interests or national security of the UK or its allies?

Yes No

Have you ever engaged in any other activities which might indicate that you may not be considered to be a person of good character?

Yes No

Is there any other information about your character or behaviour which you would like to make us aware of?

Yes No

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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 magistrate)
- I have not worked in any of the jobs listed above

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You must answer this question truthfully.

If you have worked for any of the organisations listed here, you will need to select the relevant option. You will then be prompted to provide more details about your employment there.

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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

Save and continue

An official financial sponsor can be, for instance, the UK government, your home country government, an international company, or a university. If you have received money from your parents or relatives, this does not count as official financial sponsorship. If you select 'yes', you need to provide a letter from your scholarship or sponsorship provider approving your application, if they paid for both your course fees and living costs in the last 12 months.



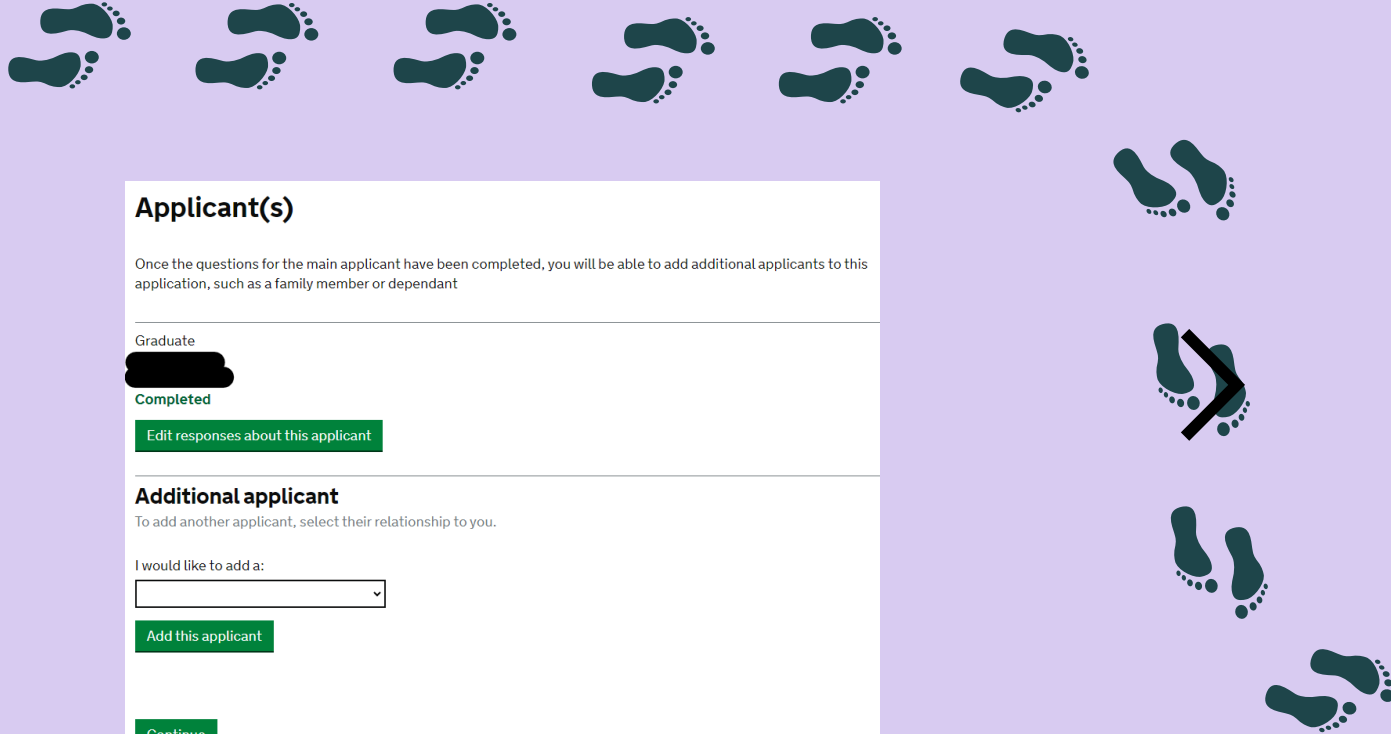
Check your answers

Check the information below before you continue to the next section.



Make sure you check all of your answers before you proceed.

Application Documents



Applicant(s)

Once the questions for the main applicant have been completed, you will be able to add additional applicants to this application, such as a family member or dependant

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Completed

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Additional applicant

To add another applicant, select their relationship to you.

I would like to add a:

[Add this applicant](#)

[Continue](#)

Documents

Mandatory documents

These documents are mandatory and you must provide them as part of your application. Tick the box to agree that you will provide each document:

The passport issued by Afghanistan for Mrs Test Test

Providing your documents

You must provide your documents after you submit your application, these can be originals or copies. **Any passports provided must be originals.**

You will be able to upload copies of your documents on our commercial partner's website, or you can take your documents to your biometrics appointment to be scanned and uploaded by our commercial partner for a fee. You'll be told how to book an appointment and upload your documents after you submit your application.

You do not need to send any physical documents to the Home Office or UK Visas & Immigration unless you are advised to do so.

Your application may be rejected if you do not provide all mandatory documents. If your application is rejected due to documents not being provided, it will not be considered and an administration fee for each person included in the application will be deducted from your refund.

[Save and continue](#)

You can add additional applicants here in case you have dependants.

You will need to tick all the boxes and provide all the documents listed on this page.



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 in England
- 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

Please read through before you tick the box.



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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

Please read all the information carefully before providing consent. Once you have declared your application, you will no longer be able to edit any of your answers.



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Check your answers

Check the information below before you continue to the next section.

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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](#)

[Save and continue](#)

[Return to this application later](#)



Please ensure you have checked all your answers before proceeding.

Click on 'Go to IHS website' and you will be redirected to the payment website.

Further steps

After paying IHS and returning to the application form, you will need to:

- ❖ Pay the visa application fee.
- ❖ Upload evidence. You will have a list of the documents you need to upload.
- ❖ We advise to download a copy of your application for your reference.
- ❖ If you were unable to use the document checking app at the start of the application then you will need to book a biometrics appointment at UK Visa and Citizenship Application Services (UKVCAS). You should be redirected to the relevant website directly from the application page. This is an important step of your visa application as it will allow you to provide the biometric data needed to process your application.
- ❖ Once you've applied online, proved your identity and provided your documents, you'll usually get a decision within 8 weeks if applied with the Standard service. If applied using the "UK Immigration: ID Check" app you may apply with the Priority or Super Priority service. You'll find out if you can get a faster decision and what you need to do when you apply.

!!! You should not travel until you receive an outcome of your application. Otherwise, your application will be automatically withdrawn.

**Good luck with
your application!**