

General Presentation – UK - for India



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UK in a Nutshell

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Map of the United Kingdom

Key Facts: United Kingdom



Capital

London



Popular Cities

London
Manchester
Sheffield
Cardiff
Birmingham
Edinburgh
Newcastle
Glasgow
Belfast



Travel Time from India

9 hours by flight
(Direct)



Currency

Pound Sterling '£',
GBP (Great Britain
Pound)



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UK-India Time Difference

UK Time and India Time

The time difference between the UK and India varies depending on whether the UK is observing British Summer Time (BST) or Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

- **During BST (Summer):** India is 4 hours and 30 minutes ahead of the UK.

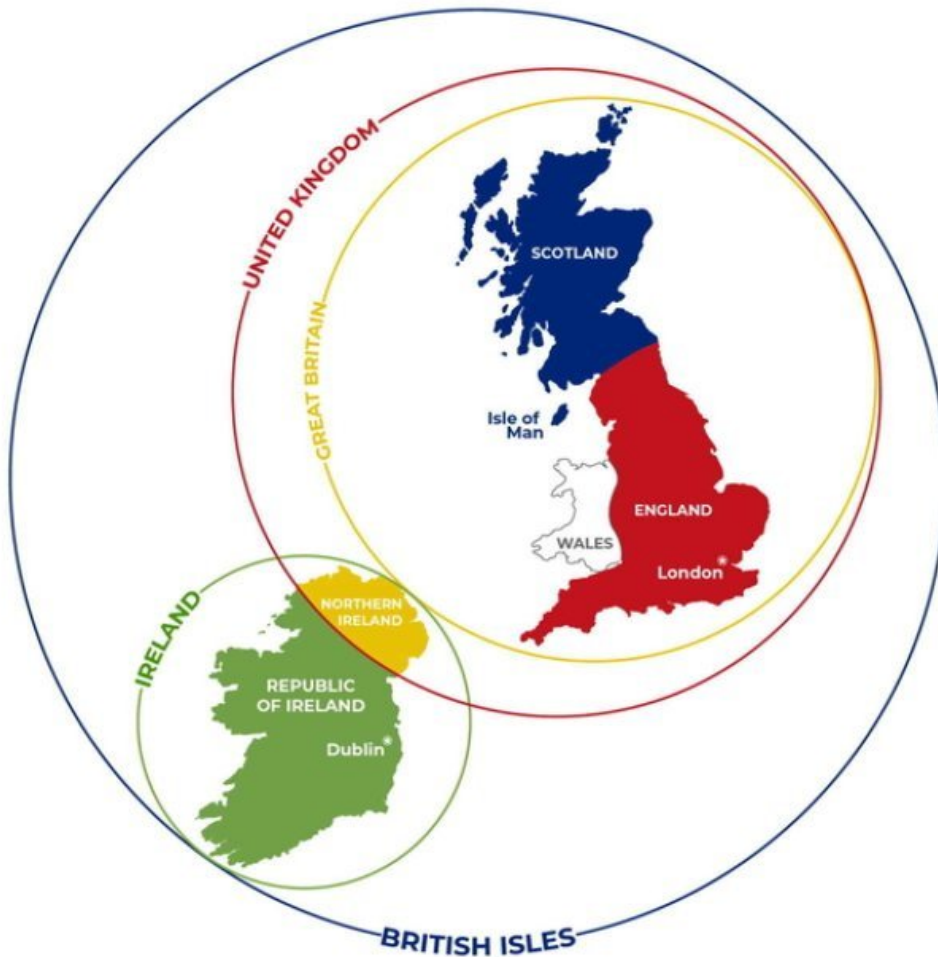
The UK observes Daylight Saving Time (BST) during the summer months. This means that clocks are moved forward by one hour.

As India does not observe daylight saving time, the time difference between the UK and India is reduced by one hour during the summer months when the UK is on BST.

- **During GMT (Winter):** India is 5 hours and 30 minutes ahead of the UK.



Classification of the United Kingdom



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Why Study in UK?

- World-Class education and academic facilities.
- Institutions consistently ranked amongst the best in the world.
- Numerous options of specializations to study.
- Admission possible without IELTS.
- Affordable and value for money as course duration are short.
- Scholarships and Bursaries available.
- Master's courses with paid placements or internships.



Key Points for Studying in the UK

Class Size

Class sizes at UK universities can vary considerably, ranging from intimate seminars with just a handful of students to large lecture halls hosting hundreds. The size often depends on the program and level of study.

Teaching Methods

UK universities are known for their emphasis on interactive teaching methods. You can expect a lot of student participation through discussions, presentations, and group work, rather than just passive lecturing.

Financial Support

If your studies are fully funded by a scholarship that covers all living expenses, you may not need to provide evidence of additional financial support for your student visa application.



Student Work Rights

Type of Institution	Post Graduate Degree	Undergraduate Degree	Below UG Degree Level i.e. Diploma	Student's Dependent
Universities with Tier 4 License	Can work 20 hrs. per week during study time and full-time during holidays	Can work 20 hrs. per week during study time and full-time during holidays	Can work 10 hrs. per week during study time and full-time during holidays	Can work full time if course of student is research based at master's level with at least NQF Level 7

NOTE:- NQF Level 7 means Courses at PG Level (Masters / PG Diploma / PG Certificate).

From Jan'24 onwards, the spouse will not be able to apply for dependent VISA, for the taught Master's program.



Types of Universities in the UK

There are around 150 Universities in the UK which can broadly be classified into two categories:

Traditional Universities

Old and ancient universities also known as **Red Brick Universities**

Prestigious and High Ranked

Research Focused

Offering a wide variety of subjects and specializations

Ex. Durham University, University of Sheffield, University of Bristol, University of Glasgow, University of Birmingham, University of Leicester

Modern Universities

Polytechnics or other educational institutions which were given university status post 1992

Focused on applied learning rather than research with excellent industry tie-ups

Ex. Anglia Ruskin University, Coventry University, University of East London, Northumbria University, Middlesex University)



From April 2012 onwards, only Universities and Colleges having Tier 4 Sponsors License can recruit international students.

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Russell Group of UK Universities

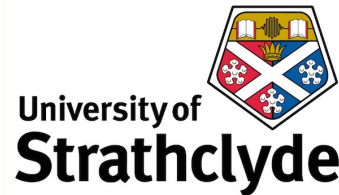
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INTERNATIONAL
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GROUP

RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITIES

UK Rank	University	QS World Rank 2026
1	Imperial College London	2
2	University of Oxford	4
3	University of Cambridge	6
4	University College London (UCL)	9
5	King's College London (KCL)	31
6	University of Edinburgh	34
7	University of Manchester	35
8	University of Bristol	51
9	London School of Economics (LSE)	56
10	University of Warwick	74
11	University of Birmingham	76
12	University of Glasgow	79
13	University of Leeds	86
14	University of Southampton	87
15	University of Sheffield	92
16	Durham University	94
17	University of Nottingham	97
18	Queen Mary University of London	110
19	Newcastle University	137
20	University of Liverpool	147
21	University of Exeter	155
22	University of York	169
23	Cardiff University	181
24	Queen's University Belfast	199

- The Russell Group is a self-selected association of 24 high ranked, public research universities in the UK, many of which are considered to be among the top universities in the country and the world.
- The group was formed in 1994 with it's headquarter in London.
- It was established to represent its member university's interests with the government and parliament.
- These Russell Group universities are also referred to as the "British Ivy League", similar to the Ivy League of universities in the USA which includes prestigious institutions like Harvard and Yale.
- University of Bristol, University of Birmingham and University of Glasgow are some of the Russel Group universities represented by KC

Top World Ranked Non-Russell Universities



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DURATION OF PROGRAMS

The biggest advantage of UK education in comparison to other educational destinations worldwide is that UK provides programs of shorter duration.

Bachelors

- 3 years (4 years in Scotland)

Masters

- 1 year (2 years with placement / internship also available)

Bachelors with Sandwich year

- 4 years (1 year of internship after completing the 2nd year)

Integrated Masters

- 4 years (5 years in Scotland)

Integrated Masters with a Sandwich Year

- 5 years (UG and PG Combined with 1 year of internship)



LEVEL OF PROGRAMS

Foundation Course and Foundation Degree

- A Foundation course is a one-year preparation course for international students who need additional English language and academic preparation for entry into the first year of a Bachelor's degree at a UK university .
- A Foundation degree is a two-year combined academic and vocational qualification, equivalent to two years of a Bachelor's degree and is a stand-alone degree.

Diploma

- International Year 1 (IY1 Diploma): IY1 is a one-year program for students who are not eligible for direct entry to a Bachelor's program and it leads to 2nd year of a Bachelor's degree.
- HNC: An HNC (Higher National Certificate) is a one-year course, equivalent to the first year of a bachelor's degree.
- HND: An HND (Higher National Diploma) is a two-year course, equivalent to the first two years of a bachelor's degree. This qualification can be used to gain entry into universities in the final year of a Bachelor's degree.

Pre-Masters

- A Pre-Masters program is for international students who need to improve and develop their academics, research and seminar skills ahead of a Master's degree. This course varies in length from ten weeks to twelve weeks. It offers a route to a postgraduate degree in several disciplines and is suitable for students who:
 - Do not meet the academic requirements for admission into a postgraduate course.
 - Want to change the discipline from undergraduate degree to postgraduate degree.



Entry Criteria for Pathway Courses

Foundation Course and Foundation Degree

- Minimum 40-50% in standard 12th.

IY 1 Diploma – (Leading to 2nd year of Degree)

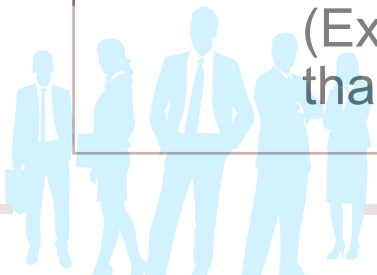
- Minimum 50-55% in standard 12th.

Pre-Masters

- Minimum 50% required in Bachelor's degree.

IELTS Requirements

- Student needs to have a UKVI IELTS for all the above-mentioned courses.
(Except for Navitas & OIEG, which requires IELTS score of 5.5 with no band less than 5.5)



Extended Degree & Accelerated Degree

Extended Degree- Extended degree offer an alternative entry-route with lower entry requirements into higher education than traditional undergraduate programs. A degree with foundation year is known as Extended Degree and is usually of 4 years.

Extended Masters Degree- An Extended Masters provides a bridging route for students who don't meet the initial entry requirements for a Master's degree. Once completed, student will progress to a Masters which usually takes a full academic year to study.

Accelerated Degree- Accelerated degrees let student fast-track their study and graduate in just two years.

Accelerated degrees (also known as two-year degrees, or three-year degrees in Scotland) are full bachelor's degrees (undergraduate courses) student can complete in a condensed time period.

They have the same amount of course content as traditional degrees, but student will have shorter and fewer holidays so they can complete the course quicker. Course structures will vary from university to university.



Academic Year at UK Universities

Term Structure:

The UK academic year is divided into three terms, often referred to as semesters or trimesters:

- Autumn Term: September - December (10-12 weeks)
- Spring Term: January - March/April (10-12 weeks)
- Summer Term: April/May - June/July (10-12 weeks)

Breaks and Holidays:

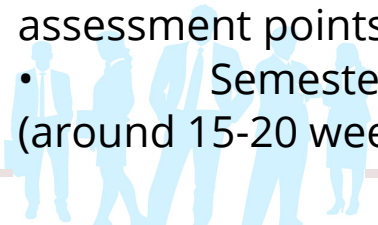
- Each term is separated by breaks of 2-3 weeks, allowing for short holidays like Christmas and Easter.

Assessment Schedule:

- Assessments like exams and coursework are spread throughout the year, typically at the end of each term.
- This structure allows focused study periods and facilitates effective workload management.

Program length in an academic year:

- **UG Programs (Typically 3 Years):** Students will complete these terms for three consecutive years to earn their full undergraduate degree. Two terms in a year.
- **PG Programs:** PG programs, particularly Master's programs, might informally adopt a term-based approach.
- **Trimester System:** A program might be divided into three trimesters (around 10-12 weeks each) with assessment points spread throughout.
- **Semester System:** Less common, some programs might utilize a two-semester system with longer durations (around 15-20 weeks each).





Term Time in UK University

UK universities typically divide the academic year into three terms across two semesters. The first semester runs from the start of the new school year in September through the winter holidays in December. The second semester then begins in January and concludes in the summer, usually around June.

1. Term One (Autumn): Starts in September and ends in mid-December, with a break for the holidays.
2. Term Two (Spring): Runs from January to late March, with potential "reading weeks" for students to catch up on coursework.
3. Term Three (Summer): Takes place from April to June, leading up to the summer break.

Many universities also incorporate "reading weeks" - short breaks during the term to allow students time to focus on their studies and get caught up. This structured academic calendar provides a clear framework for students to plan their studies and activities throughout the year.



Studying in the UK: Undergraduate vs. Postgraduate

Choosing Your Path

The UK offers a vibrant academic landscape for both undergraduate and postgraduate students

Undergraduate Studies (3 years):

- Focus: Building a broad knowledge base in the chosen field.
- Learning Style: Emphasis on lectures, seminars, and a mix of assessments.
- Experience: Structured and supportive environment with a focus on foundational skills.

Postgraduate Studies (1-2 years):

- Focus: Specialization and in-depth study within a specific area.
- Learning Style: More independent learning with research projects and dissertations.
- Experience: Requires higher level of independence, time management, and advanced research skills.

Ultimately, the best choice depends on student's learning goals and preferred academic approach.



Postgraduate Study in the UK

The UK is a top destination for postgraduate studies, offering shorter durations compared to other countries, making it an attractive option for international students.

- **Shorter programs:** Earn a Master's degree in just 12-18 months compared to programs in other countries.
 - **15 Months:** This is a typical duration for many taught Master's programs in the UK.
 - **18 Months:** Some programs, particularly those with more practical components or research elements, may extend to 18 months.

However, there are important considerations around English language requirements and preparatory programs to ensure a smooth transition.



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Top Up Programs & Credit Transfer

Top Up Programs

A Top-up degree is equivalent to the final year of a Bachelor's degree. These one-year courses are aimed at students who have previously completed a related foundation level degree or an HND and provide a route for students to directly enter the final year of a Bachelor's degree.

Credit Transfer

Credit transfer or advanced standing are the terms used by colleges and universities for the procedure of granting credit to a student for courses already undertaken at another institution in the same or different country.



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IB & IGCSE BOARDS

IB (International Baccalaureate)

The International Baccalaureate (IB), formerly known as the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) is an internationally recognized Swiss Education board headquartered in Geneva for 10th and 12th standard students.

IB Diploma: In order to receive an IB diploma, candidates must receive a minimum of 24 points out of 45 points

IB score requirement for getting an admit to a Bachelor's degree may range from 28 - 39 points out of 45 points depending on the ranking of universities.

IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education):

The International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) is the international equivalent of General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) UK. It is an examination which is widely accepted in the UK equivalent to O level (Ordinary level) or 10th standard.

Grading is done from A- G.

GCSEs and IGCSEs lead on to A levels (Advanced) equivalent to 12th standard. In the UK, A levels are the standard qualification for applying to a university.



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Masters of Business Administration

TYPES OF MBA

- Fresher's MBA
- MBA for students having work experience
- Mature Entry MBA

FRESHER'S MBA

- Recent graduates with no work experience can apply for an MBA for freshers

MBA FOR STUDENTS HAVING WORK EXPERIENCE

- Students with a Bachelor's degree and work experience of 2 to 5 years can apply for these MBA courses

MATURE ENTRY MBA

- Students who do not have a formal Bachelor's degree qualification can still pursue an MBA in the UK
- The entry requirement for such students is
- Pass in Standard 12
- Students age should be minimum of 25 years
- Work experience of at least 7+ years at managerial level



Learning at UK Universities: Lectures and Seminars

Lectures:

- **In-depth Knowledge:** Delivered by expert academics, lectures provide a foundation in your chosen subject through research, insights, and key concepts.
- **Large or Online Settings:** Lectures can take place in large halls or online platforms, offering flexibility and diverse learning experiences.
- **Active Note-Taking:** While participation isn't always required, taking detailed notes is key to grasping complex topics:

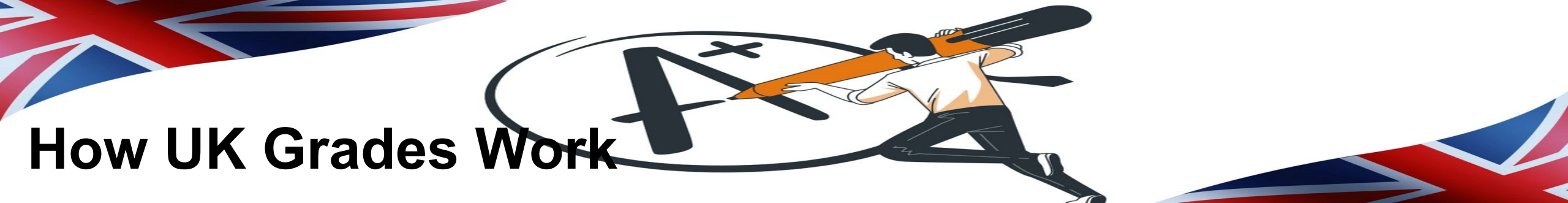
Seminars:

- **Interactive Discussions:** Explore lecture content in smaller groups with classmates. Share ideas, ask questions, and gain different perspectives.
 - **Active Engagement:** Seminars encourage active participation through tasks like presentations, discussions, or answering questions.
 - **Collaboration & Exploration:** These sessions create a safe space to dive deeper into the material, collaborate with peers, and ask questions freely.
- Combined, lectures and seminars provide a comprehensive learning experience at UK universities.



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How UK Grades Work

Earning the Degree:

The final UK university degree classification is determined by the marks students receive throughout their studies.

- **Modules and Credits:** Each course is broken down into modules, each worth a specific number of credits.
- **Weighted Marks:** Modules with more credits contribute more to your overall grade for a particular year (stage) of study.
- **Focus on Core Modules:** Strong performance in core modules with higher credit value will significantly impact the final degree classification.

First Year (Stage One):

- Marks from the first year typically don't count towards the final degree classification.
- This allows time to adjust to university-level studies, develop academic skills, and prepare for the crucial "Honours stages."

Final Degree Calculation:

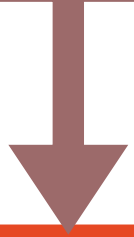
- The final degree classification is based on the combined marks from Stages Two and Three of the studies.
- Certain postgraduate programs, like research degrees (PhDs), may have a separate dissertation or thesis component that significantly impacts the final classification.



INTAKES

UK Universities
have two major
intakes

September / October – Fall Intake
January / February – Spring Intake



However, many
universities offer
courses
commencing in

April/ May/ June/ July – Mid Intake



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ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

In general, the English Language requirement as per UKVI is CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) Level B2 which is equivalent to a minimum **5.5 overall with 5.5** in each section in IELTS.

Types of English tests accepted

Applicants must achieve this level of English by completing a successful 'Secure English Language Test' or SELT.

English Language Test which are accepted in UK are IELTS, PTE, TOEFL and many more.

Which English language test is accepted in UK?

For entry to University programmes students would be required to take the Academic IELTS test. If students want to take a pre-sessional English course or a Foundation course, they must take the IELTS test at an approved UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) test center.

IELTS waiver is available in many of the universities if the student has secured **more than 65% - 70%** marks in 12th Standard English.

Pre-Sessional English Language program is also offered for students who do not meet the IELTS requirements of a particular course at a University.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

- SELT (Secure English Level Test) is required for students seeking to study, work, and live in the UK.
- It is used by students applying for tier 1, 2, and 4 visas for short courses and pathway programs. Various platforms administer this test at authorized testing centers for immigration and visas to the UK worldwide.
- A variety of sections are included in the test, such as Reading, Writing, Listening, and Spoken English, to determine your level of English proficiency.
- UKVI PTE is also an approved SELT for UK Visa

Below is the conversion chart for IELTS scores equivalent to TOEFL and PTE scores:

CEFR Level	IELTS	PTE	TOEFL
C2	8.5	80	117
C1	7.0 – 8.0	67 – 79	96
B2	5.5 – 6.5	51 – 66	92
B1	4.0 – 5.0	36 – 50	62



Entry Criteria for Bachelor's

Type of University	Entry Requirements
High Ranked Universities	70% & above in 12 th Standard
Middle Ranked Universities	60%-70% in 12 th Standard
Low Ranked Universities	55% - 60% in 12 th Standard

Subject specific Requirement:

- For Engineering degrees, a score of 60% - 85% is required in Mathematics and Physics in 12th Standard depending on the university.
- For Business degrees a score of 55% - 85% is required in Mathematics depending on the University and other relevant subjects in 12th standard with few exceptions where the Mathematics score in 10th Standard is considered.
- Similarly, for other degrees minimum subject specific scores may be required in 12th Standard.

IELTS Requirements

- IELTS requirement ranges from 6.0 / 6.5 with no band less than 5.5 depending upon the course and the University.



Entry Criteria for Master's

Type of University	Entry Requirements
High Ranked Universities	60% & above in Bachelors
Middle Ranked Universities	55-60% in Bachelors
Low Ranked Universities	50-55% in Bachelors

IELTS Requirements

- IELTS requirement ranges from 6.0 / 6.5 with no band less than 5.5 depending upon the course and the University.
- Some UK Universities also accept MOI –Medium of Instruction from graduating University to waive off the IELTS. MOI is not accepted to waive off IELTS for Bachelors.



UCAS

The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service is a UK-based organization whose main role is to operate the application process for British universities.

It is a common application portal majorly for undergraduate applications and some postgraduate one's as well.

The single application fee will no longer be available so the fee for all **2026** undergraduate applications will be **£28.95**

The deadline to submit applications is 14th January and 30th June for the upcoming September intake of a calendar year.

Following are some of our partnered universities whose applications need to be done through UCAS:

University of
Bristol (UG)

University of
Glasgow
(UG)

University of
Birmingham
(UG)

Newcastle
University
(UG)

Queen Mary
University
(UG)

University of
Bradford
(UG)

University of
Surrey (UG)

University of
Stirling (UG)

Heriot Watt
University
(UG)

University of
Liverpool
(UG)

University of
Leicester
(UG)

University of
Strathclyde
(UG)

University of
Salford (UG)

Brunel
University
(UG)

Kingston
University
(UG)



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Undergraduate Entry Requirements

UK A Level Grading- Indian Equivalence

UK Requirement (A-level)	ICSE/CBSE/ ISC Boards	West Bengal Board	Other Boards
	Standard XII equivalent		
A*AA	90%	80%	92%
AAA	85%	75%	90%
AAB	80%	70%	85%
ABB	75%	65%	80%
BBB	70%	60%	75%

O Level	GCSE	10 th
A Level	GCE	12 th
AS Level	-	11 th



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Postgraduate Entry Requirements

UK UG Level Grading- Indian Equivalence

Grades in UK University	Indian Equivalent Grade
2:1	60% or 65% in Degree
2:2	55% or 60% in Degree
First Class Degree	65% or 70%

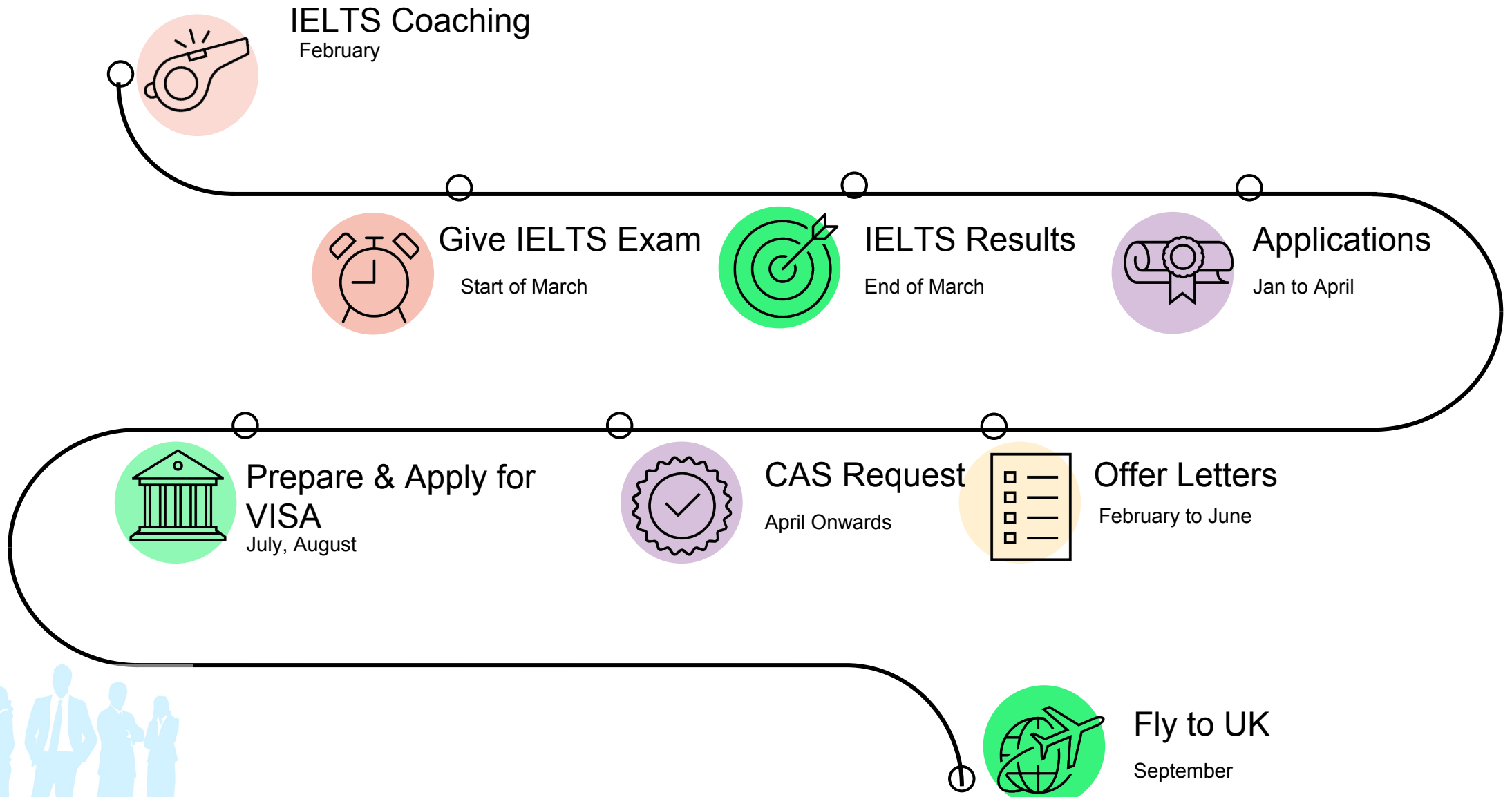
Requirements

The Entry requirements may slightly change from course to course and university to university.

For Delhi University, Mumbai University, Pune University and Calcutta University, some relaxations in entry requirements is possible.

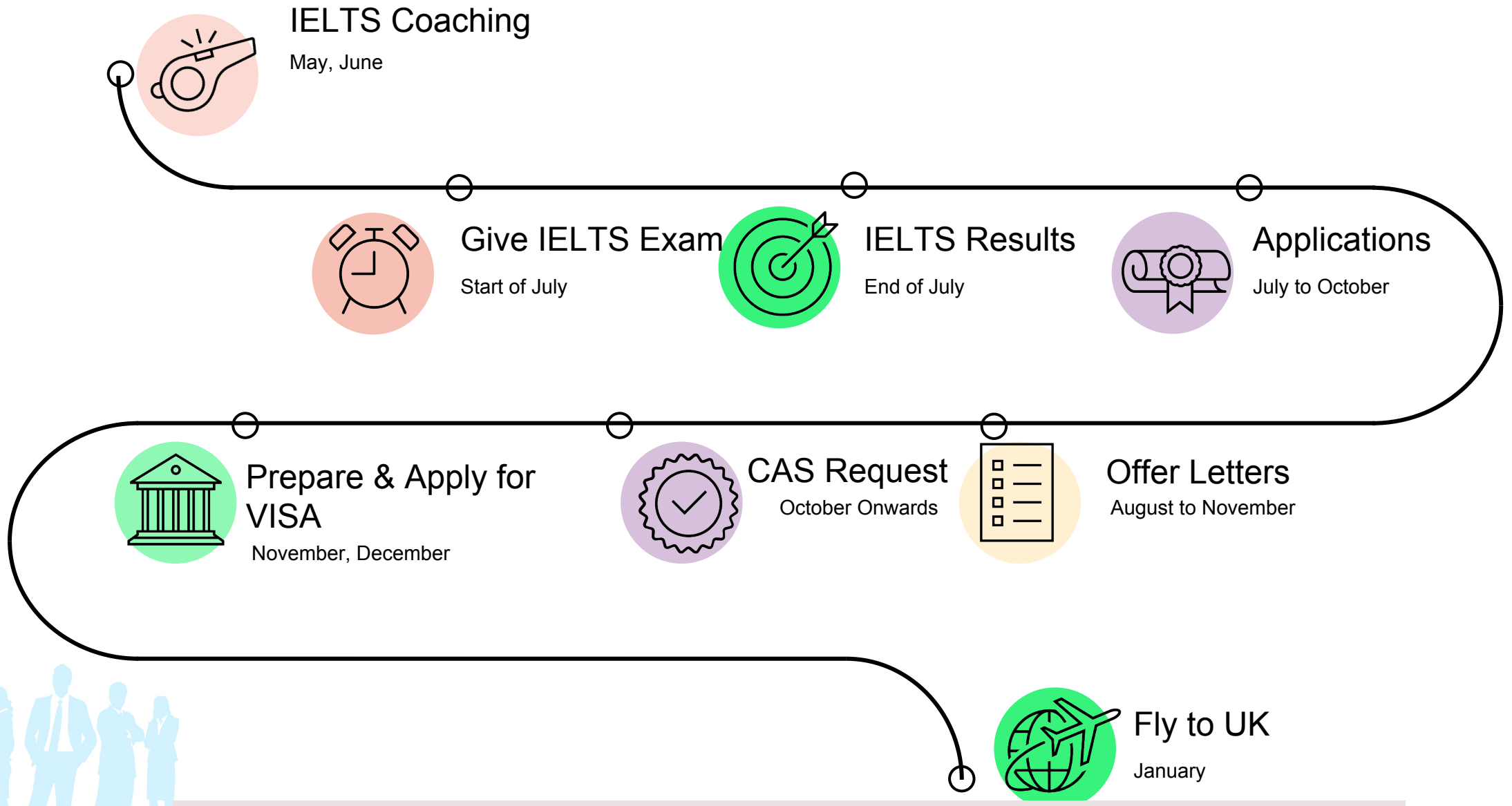


Time Schedule for UK for September Intake



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Time Schedule for UK for January Intake



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Cost to study in the UK (In London)

Estimated cost to be incurred by a student for a year of study	1 £ = INR 125/- (Approx.)	
Particulars	Amount in £	Amount in Rs.
Exam Fees (IELTS- General/ Academic)		19,000 (For UKVI IELTS 19,250)
Tuition Fees	17,000	21,25,000
Living Cost (In London)	13,761	17,20,125
Visa Fees	558	69,750(approx.)
National Health Service (£776 per year + £388)	1164	1,45,500
Total		40,79,375
Less Part Time & Vacation Earnings	10,000	11,60,000
Net Cost		29,19,375
Assistantships/Scholarships	Yes	
Nature of Part Time Jobs	Off campus 20 hrs. per week During Vacation 40 hrs. per week	



Cost to study in the UK (Outside London)

Estimated cost to be incurred by a student for a year of study	1 £ = INR 116/- (Approx.)	
Particulars	Amount in £	Amount in Rs.
Exam Fees (IELTS- General/ Academic)		19,000 (For UKVI IELTS 19,250)
Tuition Fees	17,000	21,25,000
Living Cost (Outside London)	10,539	13,17,375
Visa Fees	558	69,750(approx.)
National Health Service (£776 per year + £388)	1164	1,45,500
Total		36,76,625
Less Part Time & Vacation Earnings	10,000	11,60,000
Net Cost		25,16,625
Assistantships/Scholarships	Yes	
Nature of Part Time Jobs	Off campus 20 hrs. per week During Vacation 40 hrs. per week	





Financial Requirement for UK Student Visa



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Acceptable Funds

Self Funded & Parents

Fixed Deposits and Funds in Savings Bank accounts are the only acceptable modes.

- 28 days of maturity are required
- Avoid showing recent large deposits



Education Loans

Loans from nationalized or private sector banks.

A guarantor or Collateral Security is required.

- Education loan sanction letter on bank's letterhead with bank's contact details mentioned
- Loan should be a part of the "Education Loan Scheme".

• Funds to be shown



Remaining Tuition fees of First Year of Study



Living Expenses for 9 months

• Living Expenses



Inside
London

Starting from November 11,
2025
£13,761 (£1529 x 9 months)



Outside
London

Starting from November 11,
2025
£ 10,539 (£1171 x 9 months)



<https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/news/student-update-changes-to-the-student-and-graduate-rules/>

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Source of Funds

Explanation of major receipts into the account by providing necessary evidence.



If applicant is taking loan, please confirm the collateral (Recent FD or Property) used for this loan.



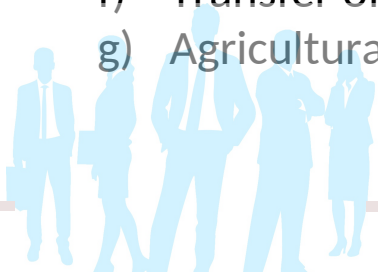
If the student or student's sponsors have Fixed Deposits that were prepared recently, then the student may have to submit source of funds for these FDs.



If there have been any major recent deposits in the sponsors' savings accounts in the last 28 days, then they may require to submit sources of these deposits.

Some acceptable sources of recent funds:

- a) Liquidating shares or mutual funds
- b) Transferring funds from cooperative banks to acceptable financial institutions (e.g., nationalized banks)
- c) Liquidating an old Fixed Deposit (more than 5-6 months old) and depositing the amount in a savings account.
- d) Sale of immovable property the transaction should be tally with the cheque not given in the sale (supported by sale deed and valuation report of the property)
- e) Transferring funds from Provident Fund Accounts (GPF/PPF)
- f) Transfer of funds from Post Office Account to acceptable Banks
- g) Agricultural sale bill, and deposit date and amount should correlate with sale bill, J-Forms



Acceptable Financial Documents

Once we received payment confirmation of student. This has been shared with the university in appropriate way. The required financial documents to us must be prepared using the following guidelines, Students also required to undergo a TB test from a panel physician, a list of which is available for your reference.

1. Funds must be 28 days old if they are in the form of savings or fixed deposit
2. Funds should be in the name of student or student's parents (sponsors any other than these, such as grandparents, uncle/aunt, siblings, etc. are strictly not allowed)
3. If funds are available in the parents' account, then a 'Parent Consent Letter' (format attached) and birth certificate of the applicant must be submitted
4. Following types of funds are accepted for UK student visa lodgement
 - Education Loan or / and
 - Saving Account or/ and
 - Fixed Deposits

Self Funded & Parents (Fixed Deposits and Funds in Savings Bank Account are the only acceptable modes).

Education Loans: Loan from nationalized or private sector banks. A guarantor or Collateral Security is required. Interest rates are low, and repayment begins after completion of program.

Employment: Current immigration regulations permit students to work part-time 20 hours a week during study time and 40 hours a week during vacation.

Scholarships: Students also receive scholarships depending on academic achievements and the overall profile.



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NOT-Acceptable Financial Documents

1. Funds kept in the bank which is not RBI regulated or do not maintain their records electronically.
2. FD and saving accounts which are lien marked, and loan taken against this accounts.
3. Bank statements electronic print outs but which are not on letter head, if not on letter-head then it MUST be supported by the balance certificate which is provided on the letter head with the logo, address of the bank on it along with the seal and signature from the bank officer.
4. Conditional Education loan sanctioned letter.
5. Any of the following is not accepted:
 - **Bank accounts with the post-office**
 - **RD account**
 - **PPF account**
 - **Invest in share bond**
 - **Gold loan, Crop loan, Mortgage loan**
 - **Overdraft facility**
 - **Loan against FD**



When student do not need to prove that they have funds:

Student do not need to prove the financial requirement to meet living expenses if:

- student had a UK visa for 12 months prior to the date of your Student visa application -you must currently be in the UK
- student applying as a student union sabbatical officer
- student applying as a postgraduate doctor or dentist on a recognised foundation programme





New UK Graduate Immigration Route

Key Aspects You Need to Know

Post Study Work Visa: New UK Graduate Immigration Route

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STUDY WORK
VISA IS BACK!**



UK has re-introduced a Post Study Work Visa of 2 years after completing a Bachelors or Masters course.

Students who will complete their degrees after June 2021 will be eligible for the Post Study Work Visa.



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Eligibility Criteria to apply for the Graduate Route

A Graduate visa gives a permission to stay in the UK for at least 2 years after successfully completing a course in the UK.

Student must be in the UK when they apply.

To apply for UK Graduate Immigration Route, international students must meet the following criteria:

One must have completed the qualification mentioned on one's Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) at Bachelor, Master's, or Doctorate level.

One must have a valid Tier 4 or student visa required to study at UK at the time of lodging the graduate route application.

How long you can stay? A Graduate visa lasts for 2 years. If you have a PhD or other doctoral qualification, it will last for 3 years

If Visa application is submitted **on or after January 1, 2027**, the validity periods are:

Bachelor's or Master's graduates: Reduced to 18 months.

PhD or other doctoral graduates: Remains 3 years.



Fees for the Graduate Route

At the time of applying for the UK Graduate Route, graduates will be required to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge along with the fees for a graduate route as a part of the application process. Check out the fees below:

- Graduate Route: £937 application fee (from 8th Apr.2026)
- Immigration Health Surcharge: £1,035 per year

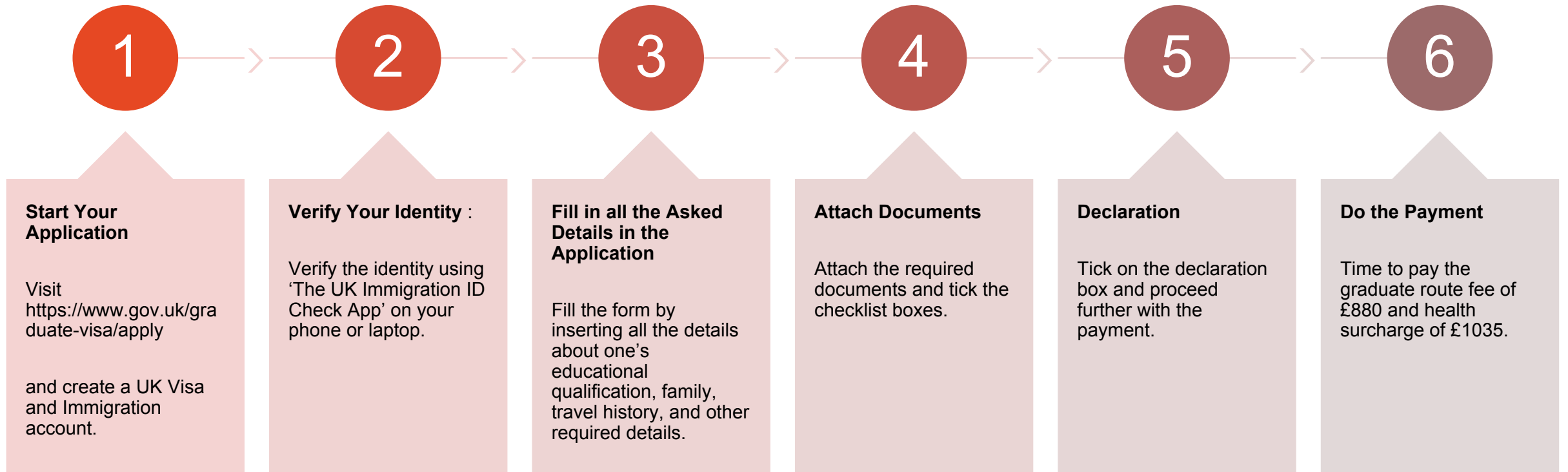
Healthcare Surcharge

- If you're eligible for a Graduate visa for:
- 18 Months- it will cost £1152.50
- 2 years - it will cost £2,070
- 3 years - it will cost £3,105

*From 1st January 2024, International students will only be able to bring dependents if they are government-sponsored or are studying for a Ph. D., doctorate, or a research-based higher degree. Dependents who are already in the United Kingdom can still extend their leave if they are eligible to do so.



6 Easy Steps to Apply for the UK Graduate Route



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Ranking of UK Universities

Ranking of UK universities can be determined by referring to the following

QS World Ranking

<https://www.topuniversities.com/world-university-rankings>

Guardian League Table

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/ng-interactive/2025/sep/13/the-guardian-university-guide-2026-the-rankings>

Times Good Rankings

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/latest/world-ranking>



Thank you!

Any Questions

