

Applying for a VISA

Students of all nationalities, except EU/EEA/Switzerland citizen, need a visa to be able to study in the UK.

Type of VISA	Age & length of stay	Level of English	Work allowed
General Student Visa (GSV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age 16 and over Taking a course of more than 6 months, or 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CEFR level A2 and above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes Up to 20hrs/week during your course and full-time in holiday time.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking Work Experience (non-salaried) Course. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum CEFR level at B1+ / higher or upper intermediate 	
Student Visitor Visa (SSV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age 18 and over Taking a course of up to 6 months. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any CEFR level inclusive of beginners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No
Child Visitor Visa (CVV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age 17 and under Taking a course of up to 6 months. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any CEFR level inclusive of beginners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No
Visitor Visa (VV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is not possible to study in the UK with this visa type. 		

Notes:

1. The information is correct as at December 2009
2. Please visit www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/studyingintheuk/ for the latest information.
3. Please check <http://www.vfs-uk-th.com/> for information of visa applying and fees in Thailand.
4. The visa type for all courses, except Work Experience Course, is Special visitor - student visitor, up to 6 months.

Documentations for Visa Application

Visa Type	Required Documents	Actions & Detail of documents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Student Visa (GSV) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acceptance from a school (UKBA Sponsor register). 2. Evidence of funds to pay for the course fee and cost of living while in the UK. 3. Proof of a qualifying level of English. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The school requires full payment of course fee in advance to be able to issue an acceptance letter. 2. Evidence of funds to cover living costs: £800 for each month of study, up to a maximum of 9 months. Proof can be: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cash in an account in student name, held in the account at least 28 days prior to the date of visa application, or b. A loan in student name, or c. Official financial or government sponsorship. 3. Proof of English level could be: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Proof of some study of English in Thailand (or student's own country) i.e. high school or university attendance record or leaving certificate showing that the student has studied English. b. Attendance certificate from an English language course in Thailand, student's own country, in the UK or another English-speaking country. c. Internationally recognised certificate in English (KET, PET, FCE, CAE, IELTS, TOEFL, TOEIC, BULATS, BEC). d. Note: provision of original copy and an authenticated translation (if the document is not in English) when applying for a visa, with a copy for the school record. 4. Others, as instructed by visa application centre in Thailand.

Visa Type	Required Documents	Actions & Detail of documents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Visitor Visa (SSV) • Child Visitor Visa (CVV) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Visa Letter from a school. 2. Evidence of funds / a proof of financial support for the course fee and cost of living while in the UK. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Full payment for course fee made in advance to obtain a visa letter from school. 2. Provision of evidence of funds: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bank statements going back over a period of several months; and b. Evidence of savings available to you. 3. Proof of intention to return to the home country after the course completion e.g. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If you are employed, a letter from your employer granting leave of absence from your job for a specified period – the letter should also say how long you have been employed by that employer, in what job (s), and when you are expected back at work. b. If you are a student, a letter from your school or college stating the course you are on, its start and finish dates, and the dates of the holiday period when you intend to visit the United Kingdom; 4. Others, as instructed by visa application centre in Thailand.

Visa Letter

Information required for the visa letter preparation are as follows:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Given name 2. Family name 3. Gender 4. Date of birth 5. Nationality | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Passport number 7. A copy of passport 8. Course chosen 9. Start date and end date 10. Any holiday that student would like to include in the total number of weeks |
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