

Applicants requiring a Student Visa: Guidance on process

As someone who requires a Student Visa in order to study with us, this guidance document explains what you need to do in order for us to provide you with a Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS). Please read this carefully.

Summary of steps

1. Submit your Moorlands College application.
2. Co-operate with the College's Admissions Team as they process your application, including providing evidence of
 - a. Your previous academic qualifications
 - b. Your English language ability
 - c. Your ability to financially support yourself.
3. If the College offers you a place to study, pay a deposit (50% of annual tuition fee)
4. Once the deposit is paid, the College will give you a CAS. Use your CAS to apply for a Student Visa.
5. If your Student Visa application is successful, check the date that the visa is valid from. In most cases this will be one month before the start date of your course. Please do not arrive in the UK before this date.
6. Send copies of your passport and visa to the Admissions and Registry Manager.
7. Upon arrival at the College, present your passport to the Admissions and Registry Manager and if your Student Visa is an eVisa (no physical stamp in your passport), present evidence of your date of arrival into the UK (e.g. travel tickets, boarding passes).

When to apply for your visa:

- You cannot apply for your visa until we give you a copy of your CAS, which provides you with a CAS Number and other information you will need in order to complete your visa application.
- The earliest you can apply for your visa is 6 months before the start of your programme (if applying outside the UK).¹

¹ If you are eligible to apply inside the UK, the earliest is 3 months before the start of your programme. Please note, we are a Probationary Sponsor therefore all visa applications must be made from outside of the UK).

Documents we must see:

1. A document that proves you have met the English language requirement. Please ensure that you have taken a correct test; if you have taken a wrong test, we cannot provide you with a CAS.
2. Documents that prove your previous academic achievement, together with a statement of comparability from ENIC. (This is a formal verification of qualifications awarded outside of the UK, <https://www.enic.org.uk>)
3. A document that provides evidence that you have met the UKVI proof of funds requirement (see Student Visa Financial Requirements document for details).
4. Finally, all non-English documentation submitted as evidence must be translated by a fully-certified translation from a professional translator or translation company that can be independently verified by the UKVI. The translation must include all of the following information:
 - Confirmation that it is an accurate translation of the document.
 - The date of the translation.
 - The full name and signature of the translator or official translation company.
 - The translator or translation company's contact details.

For more information, see <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa>