Your Student visa:
Guide to applying in your home country
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Coronavirus and your Student visa application:
We know that you will have concerns about the Coronavirus pandemic, and we want to support you through the visa application process, and answer your questions. Please see the University webpages about coronavirus for new students.

Visa application centres have now mainly reopened, and you can check the status as follows:
• TLS contact: if you’re in Europe, Africa and parts of the Middle East
• VFS global: for all other countries

You MUST complete your application and obtain your Student visa before coming to the UK.
You CANNOT come to the UK as a visitor and switch visa status.
We CANNOT enrol you if you only have visitor permission so you would not be able to start study.

These are Home Office requirements that students and the University must follow.

If because of coronavirus you cannot get a visa in time, or cannot travel because of flight restrictions, contact your department/college and Student Immigration to arrange help including support for remote study if appropriate.

This guide will help you complete the online visa application and includes specific points for Oxford students.
Read it carefully along with the detailed Student visa guidance issued by UK Visas and Immigration. This guide is for you if Oxford is sponsoring you and assigning you a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS), but not if you are coming for a short course that does not need a CAS, a distance learning or part-time course.

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https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/visa/before/studentvisa
Some terminology:

**ATAS**: Academic Technology Approval scheme, some postgraduate students in Science, Engineering and Medical subjects may need special clearance for their research project - your department will tell you if you need this or you can check on the [graduate admissions webpage](https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/visa/before/studentvisa). This also applies to 4-year undergraduate degrees in Physics and Materials and your college will provide you a template letter to apply for ATAS. You don’t need ATAS clearance if you are a national of any of the following countries: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland or the United States of America.

**BRP**: Biometric residence permit - non-EEA/Swiss students will be issued a 90-day travel visa to come to the UK; after arrival you collect your BRP which will be valid for the whole of your course and include some extra time after course completion. See step 16 to choose the best location to collect the BRP. EEA and Swiss students will receive an electronic equivalent.

**CAS**: Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies number issued by your College (undergraduate or visiting student) or Department (graduate or recognised student) for you to apply for a visa.

**CAS Statement**: the email that contains your CAS number and details about your course and fees.

**Differentiation arrangements**: reduced evidence requirements for ‘low risk’ nationals. See section 2 below.

**IHS**: Immigration Health Surcharge - you will have to pay this as part of your visa application so that you are eligible to use the NHS (National Health Service) in the UK. The charge is £470 per year of your Student visa and you will need to pay for the total number of years of your course plus any additional time added to your visa at the same time you apply for your visa.

**RQF**: Regulated Qualification framework - codes used to specify level of course. SCQF is the equivalent for Scottish qualifications.

For example RQF6/SCQF9/10 is for undergraduate/visiting students;
RQF7/SCQF11 for Masters, MScRes, 4 year UG exit Masters awards;
RQF8/SCQF12 for DPhil students.

**Partner organisation** e.g. VFS Global or TLS contact – commercial companies who administer the visa application process on behalf of UKVI but who do not make the decision on your application.

**UKVI**: UK Visas and Immigration - will make the decision on your visa application.

**UKCISA**: UK Council for International Student Affairs, advice on visa applications and other areas.

**VAC**: Visa Application Centre - you will have an appointment to enrol biometrics (fingerprints and face scan) and submit documents if not already uploaded.

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### 1. Where, when and how to apply

You can apply in your country of nationality or if you legally live in a different country you can apply there. You cannot normally apply in a country that you are only visiting.

You can only apply in the UK in limited circumstances, see our [student visa webpages](https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/visa/before/studentvisa) for further information. You **cannot enter the UK as a visitor** or without a visa and then apply for your student visa.

You must have your CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies) from Oxford before you can apply. For information about your CAS, see our [Student visa webpage](https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/visa/before/studentvisa). You will receive an email while your CAS is being prepared; check the details carefully and reply with any changes you need. You will receive another email with your CAS number and other information you will need for completing the online application form: this is your ‘CAS statement’.
You cannot apply for your visa earlier than six months before your course start date as stated on your CAS. Your CAS number is valid to use to make a visa application for six months. If your CAS is more than six months old, contact your department or college to get a new one.

When you apply in your home country for a Student visa you need to register for and complete an online application.

This Guide refers to UK Visas and Immigration’s detailed Student visa guidance which sets out the exact requirements for a Student application. You will need to read this as well and follow the instructions very carefully.

2. Applicants who don’t need to submit evidence of qualifications or funding

If the course you are coming for is at degree level or above, you do not need to provide evidence of the qualifications listed on your CAS as the basis of your course offer. The Home Office now relies on Higher Education Providers such as Oxford to assess your academic ability and the visa caseworker does not need to see evidence of your qualifications.

If you are a national of one of the countries below your application will come under the ‘differential evidence requirement’ and will not have to submit evidence of funding. If you rightfully hold passports from more than one country, you can benefit from the arrangement as long as one of your nationalities is on the list.

- Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, The Dominican Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Hong Kong [SAR or British National (Overseas) passport], Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macao SAR, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Taiwan (holding Taiwanese passport which includes identification card number), Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and USA.

You must make sure you do have the correct documents as evidence of funding ready in case you are asked for them later in the application process (there might be spot checks). Your application could be refused if you are not able to provide the specified documents within the requested time period.

You will still need to provide any other required documents for example an ATAS or TB certificate.

3. Completing the online visa application form- personal details, family, travel history

Starting the online application Here is the start-point for the online application

Country of nationality
If you have more than one nationality, select the country written on the passport or identity document that you plan to use for your visa.
EEA or Swiss nationals only: you will now be directed to confirm your identity using a phone app and to create an account for your application. You will not need to attend an appointment to give biometrics.

**Confirm your visa type**
Select ‘Student’

**Select a country to provide your biometrics (non EEA/Swiss applicants only)**
Enter the name of the country where you are making your visa application, remembering that you must apply either in your country of nationality or you can apply in the country where you live if different. If there is no centre for providing biometrics in your country of application, you will be told where you need to go for biometrics. Do not select United Kingdom here.

You then need to confirm you can get to a biometric enrolment location in your country.

**Follow instructions to create a password for your application. UKVI will send a link to your email address.**

**Passport/Travel Document**
If you are not an EEA/Swiss national, you need to have one blank page/side in your passport/travel document for your travel visa.

Your passport needs to be valid at the time of application and for your intended arrival in the UK. It is not necessary at the time of your visa application to have a passport that will be valid for your entire course duration. This is because you will be issued a 90-day travel visa vignette/sticker in your passport and then you will collect a BRP (biometric residence permit) card on arrival in the UK which will be valid for your course duration and some additional time. This BRP card does not need changing or updating when you renew your passport in the future.

If you are an EEA or Swiss national you will receive your Student visa permission in electronic format only.

**Name**
Write your name exactly as shown in your passport and CAS statement. Include middle/other names with your Given name(s).

If you only have one name, click on ‘I do not have a current passport or travel document’ then ‘I do not have both a given and family name’ and then you can enter one name. (Note the illogical questions sequence here which we assume in due course will be corrected!)

For Singaporean and Malaysian passports, the name order may be slightly different in your passport to the name order on your CAS, this should not be a problem, enter your family name in the relevant section and all other names under Given name(s).

**Sponsor**
**CAS reference number**
Enter this as given on your CAS Statement being careful to make clear the difference between ‘0’s and ‘O’s and ‘1’s and ‘I’s

**Personal Information**
Your individual details, including your home address
Passport details
Use your passport ID page for this information.

Your planned travel information
Date you plan to arrive in the UK?
Enter the date you plan to arrive, but this must not be more than a maximum of one month before your course start date as given on your CAS. You will be given an initial visa valid for 90 days to enter the UK. This visa’s start date will be either 7 days before your intended travel date, or one month before your course start date, whichever is later. You can use the visa to come to the UK between its start date and end date. If it expires before you travel you will need to apply to replace it. In future, once the pandemic situation improves, travel visas may again be issued for 30 days not 90.

English Language
This section will not appear if your nationality is on the list on this Home Office webpage or you are Canadian.

Before you complete this part of the form, find and check the English language section on your CAS. There are several options on the application form for meeting the English language requirement, you only need to answer yes for one of them. Once you have selected an option you will not see any of the remaining options:

a. Have you provided evidence of your English language ability in a previous application?
This means have you had a UK visa before, for which you had to prove you met an English language requirement at the same level as you need to meet for this application, for example a Tier 4 (student) visa for a degree course or a Tier 2 (skilled worker) visa. If in doubt, answer no here.

b. Do you have an English language or literature qualification from a UK school?
Unless you went to school in the UK when you were under 18 and studied one of the listed qualifications, answer no.

c. Are you coming to the UK to study at a higher education provider with a track record of compliance?
Oxford is a Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance, so answer ‘yes’. Check your CAS for confirmation that Oxford has assessed your English Language ability. If so, answer ‘yes’ to the second question here. You do not need to provide any test certificates or other evidence on which this assessment was based with your visa application.

d. Are you attending a short-term study abroad programme in the UK as part of a university course in the USA?
You can use this option if you are studying in the USA and your CAS states you will be coming for a study abroad programme.

e. Are you applying to study a course on English as a foreign language?
Answer no, unless your CAS is only for a standalone short pre-sessional English course.

f. Do you have a degree equivalent to a UK Bachelor’s degree which was taught in English?
Check your CAS and do not use this option if your CAS confirms Oxford has assessed your English language ability, even if this assessment was based on your previous study taught in English. Instead, use option c.

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g. Have you passed an approved English language test in the last 2 years?
Check your CAS and do not use this option if your CAS confirms Oxford has assessed your English language ability, even if this assessment was based on English language test results that you sent to us. Instead, use option c.

h. Do you have a medical condition which prevents you taking the English language test?
Check your CAS and do not use this option if your CAS confirms Oxford has assessed your English language ability. Instead, use option c.

Information about a spouse or partner
Although a separate application must be made for each dependant coming to the UK with you, you are also required to give information on your own application about a partner or spouse or financially dependent family members whether they will accompany you or not.

Information about your parents, and any family in the UK
You will then need to enter information about your parents, and any close family members who live in the UK.

Accommodation in the UK
Do you know where you will be staying in the UK?
If you have accommodation arranged in the UK, give the details here. If you don’t know yet where you will be living, state NO and go to the next question.

Where do you plan to stay in the UK?
Include details of where you are hoping to stay if not confirmed. If you will be in College or University accommodation but this has not been finalised, you can explain this and give the main College address as on the college website.

Travelling as part of an organised group
Answer No

UK Travel History
How many times have you been to the UK in the last 10 years?
Choose a number and give the details for up to 3 visits.

Medical Treatment
If you have been to the UK in the last 10 years you will be asked to include details and dates of any medical treatment received in the UK including visits to doctor’s surgery (known as a General Practitioner or GP) and whether you had to pay. Give information about any treatment as accurately as possible. Having used the UK’s National Health Service when eligible to do so for example because you held a long-term visa and/or paid the Immigration Health Surcharge with the visa application will not be a problem for this visa application.

National insurance number
You will only have a National Insurance number if you applied for one e.g. if you did any employment during a previous UK stay.

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International Travel History
How many times have you visited the following places in the past 10 years?
You are asked to record visits to a list of five countries (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, USA, Switzerland) plus the European Economic Area in the past 10 years. Follow the instructions and give the information as accurately as you can.

Have you been to any other countries in the past 10 years?
The form continues to ask about travel to all other countries. Again, try to answer this to the best of your ability.

Problems with immigration to the UK and other countries
It is very important that you give the required information about any immigration problems for the UK and other countries. Contact us if you are worried about this section.

Convictions and other penalties, and further security questions
It is very important that you answer this section accurately and give details however long ago any offence occurred.

The form continues with further security questions and then another section about war crimes, terrorist activities and certain forms of employment.

Note: previous convictions will not necessarily lead to a visa refusal, particularly for non-custodial offences, but failure to disclose information that is requested here is likely to lead to a refusal. Contact us if you are worried about this section.

4. Sponsor licence number and address
This section is asking for information from your CAS about your course, the title, level, etc. If you do not have a CAS number, you cannot proceed with your application. For information about receiving a CAS see Step 1 on our webpage. To be valid, your CAS must not be more than six months old at the time you apply for your visa.

If you are reapplying after a visa refusal, you must get a new CAS

The information you need for this section will appear on your CAS Statement:

Sponsor Licence Number UED4UGNF1
Sponsor’s address
University Offices
Wellington Square
Town/city: Oxford
Postcode: OX1 2JD

What type of sponsor will you be studying with?
Oxford is a Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance

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Did you apply for your course through UCAS?
Answer ´no´ unless you are coming for an undergraduate degree

5. ATAS (Academic Technology Approval Scheme) Certificate

Your CAS will state whether you need an ATAS certificate, although it is not necessary to wait for your CAS to be issued to apply for ATAS, as long as you have the necessary information from your Department or College.

You don’t need an ATAS certificate if you are a national of any of the following countries: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland or the United States of America.

For information about ATAS see Step 2 on our webpage. If you have a question about whether you need an ATAS certificate, contact your college (undergraduates: 4 year Physics and Materials courses only) or your Department (graduates) or see the graduate admissions webpages.

If you do require an ATAS certificate, you must get it before you submit your visa application – this could take 30 working days or more. You will receive your ATAS certificate by email only – you may need to print and scan it.

6. Future official financial sponsor

Will you be receiving money from an official financial sponsor for your continuing studies?
Answer yes if you will receive funding for the study you are coming for from the UK government, your home Government, a university (including any funding through an Oxford department or from a college) or an international company or organisation.
“Wholly sponsored” means funding for your course or at least your first year if longer than a year to cover all your fees and at least £1,023 per month for living expenses.

If your funding comes from another source for example a private individual or a non-international organisation or company, answer no here and note that you can’t use confirmation from them as evidence of funding for your visa application, they would need to transfer the money to you in advance and you would need to demonstrate it had been in your own bank account for 28 days.

If you will be funding your studies using a student loan, answer ´No´ here.

Please note that your CAS will not contain details of financial sponsorship so do not choose ´My Student sponsor has confirmed this information on my CAS´. If you are not exempt from needing to submit the evidence (see section 2) you will need to submit your scholarship letter.

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7. Course information

Name of sponsor institution
Enter ‘The University of Oxford’

Course name
Enter the Programme Title given on your CAS

Qualification you will get
Select the option where the RQF section of the code matches the RQF level given for ‘Course Level’ on your CAS Statement.

For example:
Undergraduate or visiting students (on CAS RQF 6) select RQF6/SCQF9/10
Undergraduate Masters eg MEng, MChem, MBiochem, MPhys (on CAS RQF 7) select RQF7/SCQF 11
Masters students or MScRes (on CAS RQF7) select RQF7/SCQF 11
DPhil (on CAS RQF8) select RQF8/SCQF12

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Course start date
If you are starting a new course, enter ‘start date 2’ from your CAS.
This is often an earlier date than Start date 1 to allow you to attend induction events)

If you are a continuing student applying for more time to complete a course, including returning to Oxford after suspension, enter ‘start date 1’ from your CAS.

Are you taking a pre-sessional course?
Do not include any course that you have taken on-line here. If you are taking a Departmental or College pre-sessional course that is taught face to face, select yes, and enter the dates.

Induction activities taking place in the week or so before the course start date do not count as a pre-sessional course.

Course end date
Use the ‘Expected End Date’ from your CAS statement

8. Accommodation Payments

Have you or your parent(s)/legal guardian(s) already paid any money to your sponsor for accommodation?

UKVI expect you to have at least £1,023 a month for living expenses including accommodation and you might have to send evidence to prove this. The maximum amount you will need to show is for 9 months (£9,207) even if your course is longer. Some money paid in advance for accommodation can be taken into account, reducing the figure you need to show.
You can only state an amount paid in advance towards College or University accommodation and:

- this amount is shown on your CAS statement as ‘Accommodation Fee Already Paid’ or
- you have an official receipt for the amount paid and
- your CAS also states Accommodation Provided ‘Yes’

Even if you have paid a higher amount to College or the University for accommodation, you are only allowed to offset a maximum of £1,334 towards the amount you may need to show for maintenance.

If you are not in College or University accommodation answer No

If you are a Visiting student on a study abroad programme who is not required to pay any accommodation fees to Oxford, because your home institution is paying Oxford directly, answer No

9. Course fees

What are your course fees for your first year?
Enter the ‘Total Fees’ figure from your CAS Statement. Note that for courses longer than one year, this is your fees for the first year only.

Have you or your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) already paid any of your course fees?
Select ‘yes’ here if you have paid anything towards your fees and this is either recorded on your CAS or for which you have an official receipt from the University or College, and enter the amount as shown on your CAS or receipt.

If you are a Visiting Student who is not required to pay any course fees direct to Oxford because your home institution is paying Oxford and you have £0.00 for ‘Total Fees’ on your CAS, state No to this question. You might have to include with your visa application a letter from your home institution confirming the arrangement.

Some continuing students are likely to have £0.00 for ‘Total Fees’ on the CAS. You must also answer No

10. Maintenance funds (fees and living costs)

Are all of the maintenance funds required for this application in a bank account with your name on it? If you are self-funding, answer ‘Yes’. For other sources of funding answer, ‘No’ and continue to the next question.

Are you relying on money held in an account under your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) name?
There is only a Yes/No option.
Some students will be answering no to both these questions because they will be funded through a scholarship or a student loan. If you are using bank statements for evidence you must use your own or a parent’s or legal guardian’s.

If you have a partner who already has a visa for the UK or applying at the same time you can use evidence from their bank account. You can’t use evidence from a partner if they are not going to be with you in the UK during your studies.

For full information, read the Home Office’s Guidance on Financial evidence for Student route applicants
11. Documents

You will now have to indicate that you are providing the documents listed. If your application comes under the ‘differentiation arrangements’ because of your nationality, you should not be asked to provide financial or qualifications evidence.

You may be able to submit required documents by uploading them before your visa appointment, although this varies by country so look at instructions you are given by your local visa application centre. Note that unless you are applying as an EEA/Swiss national you will always have to submit your physical passport at some stage.

a. Documentary evidence to show funding

i. If your nationality is listed in Section 2 above you will not have to provide funding evidence but remember you must have the documents available to provide if UK Visas and Immigration asks for them later (there may be spot checks).

ii. If you are not exempt based on the above conditions you must follow the requirements for evidence of funding as specified in the Home Office guidance and get translations if necessary. These requirements to show evidence of funding for your visa application are separate from any requirements you may already have had to comply with to fulfil your college Financial Declaration – do not assume the same evidence will be adequate.

If you are showing evidence of money held in either your own or a parent/guardian’s account, you must be able to show that you have held the required level of funding for 28 consecutive days prior to application; any documents must also be dated within 31 days of the date you submit and pay for the application, otherwise your application is likely to be refused.

If you will be funded by a US Federal Student Loan, ensure you have proof of the loan and notification from the University’s Student Fees and Funding office. Send this with your visa application unless you come are in the list of nations who don’t need to show financial evidence.

If you need further information about this, email us.loans@admin.ox.ac.uk. Remember that if the loan is partial you may need to provide other evidence to cover the shortfall.

b. Documentary evidence of academic qualifications

If you are coming to Oxford for degree level study (for example, undergraduate level, Masters or DPhil) you do not need to provide evidence of qualifications. The Home Office allows Oxford as a Higher Education Provider (HEP) to assess your academic ability and your CAS will state what the assessment was based on.

If you are coming to Oxford as a visiting student, your CAS may state ‘student has been assessed as competent by the home institution – we have not required to see any qualifications’ and you are not required to submit any evidence with your application.

If you are a continuing student your CAS may mention ‘satisfactory progress’ or ‘coming back from a break’ or to ‘complete an exam resit’.
If your study will be below degree level, you will not have to provide evidence of any qualifications listed on your CAS if you have a passport issued by one of the countries or territories listed in paragraph 22 of Appendix ST of the Immigration Rules. However, make sure you have them available in case UK Visas and Immigration request them for a spot check.

If you are not exempt from submitting documents look at the heading on your CAS Statement, ‘Evidence Considered in Accepting Application’. For qualifications listed here, you are required to provide a scan/copy of your certificate or transcript for the award(s) listed. There is also the option of submitting printouts of your qualification or transcript results from the awarding body’s online checking service. The printouts must clearly show your name, the title and date of the award, and the name of the awarding body.

You must have completed any qualifications listed; UK Visas and Immigration will not accept provisional documents.*

*NOTE FOR SOME INDIAN STUDENTS ONLY – if your CAS states ‘please note we have accepted the provisional certificate as the degree is complete and awarded’ you can provide a provisional certificate as evidence of your academic qualification.

For full information on evidence for qualifications see the Home Office’s Guidance.

12. Additional Information

Add anything here that you think is relevant to your application, particularly where you were unable to answer one of the application questions in the field provided.

13. Declaration

You must then make a declaration that all the information is correct to the best of your knowledge. Note that you will not be able to edit your application after completing the declaration.

14. Immigration Health Surcharge

For information about how the IHS is calculated and why you have to pay it at this stage, see step 5 on our webpage.

Note that you will not be able to edit your visa application after clicking through to the IHS website. You will be asked to re-enter your course start and end date again on the IHS website and answer some other questions. Use start date 2 and the expected end date from your CAS.

15. Application payment

After you have paid you will be prompted to arrange an appointment for giving your biometrics (fingerprint and face scan) which must be done before your application can be processed, and also to select where to collect your BRP after arrival in the UK. If you are an EU, EEA or Swiss national you will provide biometric details using a phone app.

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16. Arranging to collect your BRP (biometric residence permit) in the UK

(This section does not apply to you if you are an EU, EEA or Swiss national as you will not receive a BRP but a link to an online portal which confirms your visa status)

Choosing where to collect your BRP

When prompted, choose where to collect your BRP (and BRPs for any Dependants) when you arrive in the UK. Collect it as soon as you can after arrival but note that if you need to isolate due to the pandemic, do not collect it before you have completed isolation, the 10 day collection requirement will be relaxed. Choose option a. or b. below based on your travel plans and when you need the BRP:

a. This option is ONLY for students arriving to start study in late September/early October: full details will be provided in the summer. Do not use this option if you are arriving at any other time

you can choose to collect the BRP at your Oxford College.

Enter the alternative collection code on the visa application form: [code will be provided when option is available] for yourself and also on any application/s for your dependant/s.

• You must then sign up on the Eventbrite page to let us know you have chosen this option and for us to give your college a list of students collecting their BRP from the college office
• You will collect your BRP at enrolment and at the same time as you collect your University student id card;
• Your College Office cannot give you the card earlier than 28 September as the cards are stored at the Home Office and then only delivered to Oxford shortly before this date. You will need the BRP card to open a bank account and to enrol so choose option a. or b. based on your travel plans.

b. For students arriving when a. is unavailable:

Choose to collect the BRP at the Oxford St Aldates Post Office or another Post Office near where you will be staying if not in Oxford on arrival.

• To collect the BRP at the Oxford Post Office select ‘Sponsor Address Postcode’ and enter OX1 2JD
• To choose another location (Post Office) in the UK, you can enter your residential address and postcode where you will initially be staying
• See note above about collecting your BRP if you are required to self-isolate on arrival.

After your visa is issued

Once your application has been processed you will be issued with a 30 or 90-day travel visa which will be a sticker (vignette) in your passport and an explanatory letter confirming where to collect your BRP. The date you can enter the UK using this travel visa will be calculated to start based on either 7 days before your ‘intended date of travel’ as included on your application form or one month before the course start date on your CAS, whichever is later.

Example: if your CAS start date is 5 January 2021 and you choose an ‘intended date of travel’ of 1 January 2021 your 90-day travel visa will start 7 days before i.e. 24 December 2020 and run until 24 March 2021. You could not ask for the travel visa to start earlier than 1 December 2020 in this example.

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17. Biometric Appointment

You will be prompted to book an appointment to give biometric information at a Visa Application Centre (VAC). Please follow the instructions on the application. If you are an EU, EEA or Swiss national you will not need an appointment for biometrics; instead you will use a phone app to provide a face-scan.

18. Further help

If you experience any difficulties email student.immigration@admin.ox.ac.uk for advice. In the summer months, it may take us two or three days to reply due to the volume of queries. If it is an urgent matter, we will try to reply the same day.

If you can provide your student number or email from the contact address you included in your admission application this will help us locate your student record quickly to answer your query.

If your visa application is refused, please email us a copy of the refusal notice so we can advise you before a new CAS number is issued.

If you think you have made a mistake on your application after submission and payment, please do not cancel it until you have contacted us and received advice on how to proceed.