Immigration document checks: I applied for my visa OUTSIDE the UK



Did you receive an entry vignette (sticker in your passport) OR a digital (online) student visa?

I received an entry vignette

Where is your Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) being delivered?

Check your original visa application form or decision letter if you are not sure.

My BRP is being delivered to the Post Office

DOCUMENTS TO PROVIDE IN PERSON

- 1) Passport with entry vignette
- 2) BRP
- 3) Evidence of date of entry to the UK* if you entered the UK via the eGates and your entry vignette has not been date stamped.

You are not required to provide any information or documentation in advance of the in-person check.

Note about your BRP: most students starting in Lent Term will collect their BRP from the Post Office. Please collect this in advance of the in-person check. If it is not available, do not delay attending for your other document checks as outlined in the accompanying email.

My BRP is being delivered to the University

DOCUMENTS TO PROVIDE IN PERSON

- 1) Passport with entry vignette
- 2) Evidence of date of entry to the UK* if you entered the UK via the eGates and your entry vignette has not been date stamped.

You are not required to provide any information or documentation in advance of the in-person check.

Note about your BRP: if your BRP is delivered to the University, you will be able to collect this from the International Student Office (ISO) after your passport and entry vignette have been checked by your College. ISO will email to make arrangements for collection.

I received a digital student visa

This only applies to EEA nationals (Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein or a country in the European Union) and Swiss nationals who used the UK Immigration: ID Check App.

DOCUMENTS TO PROVIDE

In person:

- 1) Passport
- 2) Evidence of date of entry to the UK*.

By email (in advance of providing the above documents in person):

3) A share code, so we can check your student visa online.

How to obtain and provide a 'share code':

Please generate a 'share code' using the website below and send this to us in advance by replying to the email we sent to you with this guidance. Please ensure you choose the option 'to prove my immigration status for anything else' when asked why you need the code - the share code should begin with S:

www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status

*Evidence of date of entry to the UK

This only applies if you are a national of Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, the US, Switzerland or a country in the EEA and you entered the UK via the eGates i.e. you did not get a date stamp in your passport.

Acceptable evidence would be your flight ticket, email confirmation of your flight itinerary, or your boarding pass. This can be provided as a paper document or by showing us the evidence on your phone or other device.

This evidence is required as we must check that you entered the UK on or after the start date of your student visa.

Immigration document checks: I applied for my visa INSIDE the UK



| | | | | Documents to provide | |
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| | YES: | My visa was issued as | In person | By email (reply to the email in which you received these instructions) | |
| | | a) only a Biometric Residence Permit (BRP). | Passport and BRP | n/a | |
| | | b) only a digital status. | Passport | Share code ¹ and the 'decision email' from UKVI confirming your visa was granted | |
| | | c) both a BRP and digital status. | Passport | Share code ¹ | |
| | | | Documents to provide | | Documents to provide once visa is granted |
| | | I have | In person | Online/by email (reply to the email in which you received these instructions) | |
| Has your new student visa for Cambridge been granted? | NO: | d) submitted my visa application. | Passport | Upload proof of application ² to www.iso.admin.cam.ac.uk/proof . Email us to confirm when you have done this by replying to the email we sent to you with this guidance. [Note: If you are switching from a Graduate or High Potential Individual visa, you must have been granted your student visa for Cambridge before starting your course.] | You will need to provide evidence of your new student visa as soon as it is granted. Follow the instructions for a, b or c under 'YES'. |
| | | e) not submitted my visa application. I have recently completed a course at the University of Cambridge and my previous student visa is still valid. | Passport | Upload proof of application ² to www.iso.admin.cam.ac.uk/proof . Email us to confirm when you have done this by replying to the email we sent to you with this guidance. | |
| | | f) not submitted my visa application. I have recently completed a course at a different institution and my previous student visa is still valid. | You are not permitted to start your course on your previous student visa unless you have submitted your new student visa application. Please submit your new student visa application then provide the required documents as listed above. You must do this before you start studying. Contact the International Student Office urgently if you need guidance submitting your visa application. | | |

1: How to provide a 'share code' (b and c only)

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https://www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status

Please ensure you choose the option 'to prove my immigration status for anything else' when asked why you need the code - the share code should begin with S.

2: How to obtain and upload proof of application (d and e only)

Log into your UKVI account and download either your document checklist or your completed visa application as a PDF.

The document should confirm the type and date of application and that you have paid the associated fee.

Upload the PDF at https://www.iso.admin.cam.ac.uk/proof.

Email us to confirm you have uploaded this by replying to the email we sent to you with this guidance.

When your visa is granted, follow the instructions above depending on whether you receive a BRP or a digital status.