



The [Graduate Visa](#) route allows Graduate Visa holders to stay in the UK to work or look for work. It is only possible to apply within the UK and once you have completed your course.

Application fee: £715. Decision usually made on application within 8 weeks.	Immigration Health Surcharge: £624 (for each year you will be granted a Graduate Visa for)
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Eligibility: Please see [Appendix Graduate](#) in the Immigration Rules and the [Graduate Visa Caseworker Guidance](#) for full details.

Eligibility Requirements:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold a valid Student or Tier 4 visa (cannot have previously held a Tier 4 Doctorate Extension Scheme visa or Graduate Visa)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful Completion requirement: Have successfully completed the course at UoG that your current Tier 4 or Student visa was granted for (if you were able to change course on your current visa without needing to reapply for a new Student visa, you must have successfully completed the course you changed to). See paragraphs 4.1-4.3 of Appendix Graduate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of your course will be reported to UKVI by the Immigration Compliance Team in Registry at UoG (they will send you an e-mail to confirm that they have done this)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant Period (study in the UK) requirement: Have studied in the UK for the relevant period. See paragraphs 6.1-6.3 of Appendix Graduate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualification requirement: Your course must give you one of the accepted qualifications listed - see paragraphs 5.1-5.4 of Appendix Graduate

When to apply: You need to submit the online visa application form on or before your current visa expiry date to make an “in-time” visa application. When you make an “in-time” visa application, you will be covered by Section 3C Leave until a decision is made and you can stay in the UK legally while you wait for a decision under the conditions of your current visa. See the Graduate Visa application form [here](#).

How long will the Graduate Visa be for?: You can expect to be granted the following length of time:

Type of applicant:	Length of Graduate Visa:
Undergraduate or Postgraduate degree students	2 years
PhD / Doctorate students	3 years

Maintenance: There is no maintenance requirement for this visa route.

Overview of documents required: See Appendix Graduate in the Immigration Rules and the Graduate Visa Caseworker Guidance. Common documents to prepare are:

- ✓ BRP / current visa
- ✓ Current passport (ID page/s)
- ✓ CAS number of CAS used to apply for your current Student or Tier 4 visa
- ✓ If currently sponsored for fees and / or living costs or within last 12 months – letter from official financial sponsor required stating they give consent for you to apply for the Graduate Visa
- ✓ Police Registration Certificate (if current visa says you are required to register) – all details on certificate must be correct and up to date

How do I know if the University has reported the successful completion of my course to UKVI?: The Immigration Compliance Team in Registry will e-mail you once they have reported this to UKVI.

Work on a Graduate Visa: You will be able to undertake employment as well as self-employment, so long as it is not as a professional sports person. See the work conditions in [Period and Conditions of Grant for a Graduate](#) in Appendix Graduate.

Study on a Graduate Visa: Study is only permitted when it is not with an educational provider that is a Student Visa sponsor, and, so long as the course does not meet the Student Visa approved qualification or level of study requirements. You would need to get an ATAS certificate if the course requires this. See the study conditions in [Period and Conditions of Grant for a Graduate](#) in Appendix Graduate.

PBS Dependants: Your spouse and children may be able to apply for a Dependant visa at the same time as you apply for a Graduate Visa. They must already be here in the UK with on a Tier 4 or Student Dependant visa (as your dependants). See [Dependants of a Graduate](#) in Appendix Graduate.

Any questions? Contact us at International Student Support:
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You can book an ISS Adviser appointment to have your Graduate Visa application form and supporting electronic documents checked before submitting these.

- Complete the online Graduate Visa application form. Stop at the “Documents” section and avoid clicking on the link to pay IHS before having your form checked as this locks your answers.
- Prepare all required electronic supporting documents in advance of your ISS Adviser appointment.
- Use your [Student Portal](#) to book an appointment for yourself.
- If you wish to book a Graduate Visa application check appointment and are applying with dependants please e-mail internationalstudentsupport@glasgow.ac.uk with this request and confirm the number of dependants applying with you and your visa expiry dates.