

Top Tips for Student Visa applications:

This year we have seen an increase in student visas applications and requests for facilitation. This comes as fantastic news and we wish to continue this trend of having as many aspiring Moroccans as possible studying in British universities. In order to ensure a smooth and speedy process for student applications, we suggest the following top tips:

1. <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/apply>
 2. Ensure you choose the correct application form: first check whether the course of study lasts more than 6 months.
 3. There are currently three types of **study visa**: a Student visa which is for courses of more than 6 months (most common); a Child Student visa for those aged between 4 and 17 years old; a Study English in the UK (Short-term study visa) for English language courses lasting longer than 6 months and up to 11 months;.
- 2) For Student visas you will need to provide evidence of financial support throughout the trip (e.g. bank statement or a letter of attestation that X funds is available in the relevant bank account for X days) as well as Tuberculosis test results. A Tuberculosis test certificate can issued by one of the following doctors:

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- 3) Ensure you have received and attached the Confirmation of Acceptance (CAS) for Studies from your course provider.
- 4) Ensure you have your entry to the UK stamped by Border Force on arrival. If you hold two passports, ensure you enter and thereafter stamp the passport that holds your student visa.

- 5) Within 7 days of your arrival, please ensure you collect your Biometric Residence Permit either from your University or the Post Office mentioned in your BRP decision letter.
- 6) All visas are taking on average 3 weeks to process (from the date of submission of biometrics at the Visa Application Centre).

For more information, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa>. Most UK universities also have a specific section on their website with useful guidance on how to apply for a student visa including examples of bank letter formats.

Some further useful links:

Preparation for study in the UK | **British Council**. The British Council works to help international students understand the visa requirements for study in the UK and to make their stay in the UK a positive experience.

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/education/he-science/prepare-study-uk>

UKCISA - the UK Council for International Student Affairs - Applying for a Student route visa outside the UK

<https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Visas-and-Immigration/Applying-for-a-Student-route-visa-outside-the-UK>

University College London useful links

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/immigration-and-visas/student-visas>

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/immigration-and-visas/student-visa/money>

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/students/immigration-and-visas/student-visa/money/example-documents>