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The United Kingdom is not a member of the Schengen area. Holders of a Republic of Turkey Public Passport (Red), Service Passport (Grey), or Special Passport (Green) must obtain a visa to enter the United Kingdom. Diplomatic Passport (Black) holders, on the other hand, are exempt from UK visa requirements for visits to England as long as they do not exceed 90 days in a 180-day period. All T.R. passport holders, however, should double-check that their passport extension period is valid for at least 6 months after returning from their UK trip.

1. HOW DO I APPLY FOR A VISA TO THE UK?

- <https://www.gov.uk/apply-to-come-to-the-uk>

- **Check if you need a UK visa:**

<https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa>

2. STANDARD VISITOR VISA

- You must [apply for a Standard Visitor visa](#) online before you travel to the UK.
- A Standard Visitor visa costs £100 for up to 6 months. The earliest you can apply is 3 months before you travel.
- If you visit the UK regularly, you can choose to apply for a long-term Standard Visitor visa instead.
- You can pass through the UK to another country on a Standard Visitor visa. If transiting is your only reason for coming to the UK, you can [apply for a Visitor in Transit visa](#) instead for £64.

3. VISIT ON BUSINESS

You can visit the UK for up to 6 months to do the following business activities:

- Attend interviews, meetings, conferences and seminars
- Negotiate and sign deals and contracts
- Attend trade fairs to promote your business (you cannot sell things)
- Get work-related training if you're employed overseas and the training is not available in your home country
- Give a one-off or short series of talks as long as they're not for profit or a commercial event (you must not be paid)
- Carry out site visits and inspections
- Oversee the delivery of goods and services provided by a UK company to your overseas company or organisation
- Deliver training or share knowledge on internal projects with UK employees of the company you work for overseas
- Install, dismantle, repair, service or advise on equipment, computer software and hardware, if your overseas company has a contract with a UK company or organisation

You should:

- check you meet the [basic eligibility requirements for a Standard Visitor](#)
- [check if you need a visa to visit the UK](#)
- [apply for a Standard Visitor visa](#) online - if you need one

4. STUDY ENGLISH IN THE UK (SHORT-TERM STUDY VISA)

- You can apply for a Short-term study visa to study English language in the UK.
- This visa is for English language courses lasting longer than 6 months and up to 11 months.
- If your course is different to this, [check which visa you need](#).

If you or your family are from the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein:

- If you or your family member started living in the UK by 31 December 2020, you may be able to apply to the free EU Settlement Scheme.
- The deadline to apply was 30 June 2021 for most people. You can still apply if either:
- You have a later deadline - for example, you're joining a family member in the UK who was living in the UK by 31 December 2020
- You have 'reasonable grounds' for being unable to apply by 30 June 2021 - for example, you had an illness or were the victim of domestic abuse
- [Check if you can still apply to the EU Settlement Scheme](#).
- Otherwise, you need a visa to work in the UK.
- Irish citizens do not need to apply for a visa or to the EU Settlement Scheme.

How long you can stay?

- You can stay in the UK for the length of your course plus an extra 30 days as long as your stay is no longer than 11 months.

Fees and costs

- It costs £200 for a Short-term study visa.

Healthcare surcharge

- You'll also have to pay the healthcare surcharge as part of your online application. It usually costs £470.
- This is so you can use the National Health Service (NHS) in the UK.
- [Check how much you'll need to pay](#) before you apply.

What you cannot do?

You cannot:

- Study on any other course or change your course while in the UK
- Study at a [state-funded school](#)
- Work or carry out any business (this includes paid or unpaid work, work experience or work placements)
- Extend this visa
- Bring family members ('dependants') with you on this visa
- Apply for most benefits ([public funds](#)) or the State Pension
- [Next: Who can apply](#)

5. STUDENT VISA

You can apply for a Student visa to study in the UK if you're 16 or over and you:

- Have been offered a place on [a course by a licensed student sponsor](#)
- Have enough [money to support yourself and pay for your course](#) - the amount will vary depending on your circumstances
- Can [speak, read, write and understand English](#)
- Have consent from your parents if you're 16 or 17 - you'll need evidence of this when you apply

If you're 16 or 17 and you want to study at an independent school in the UK, you may be eligible for a [Child Student visa](#) instead.

This visa has replaced the Tier 4 (General) student visa.

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[Check if you can still apply to the EU Settlement Scheme.](#)

When to apply

When you can apply depends on whether you're applying from inside or outside the UK.

Applying from outside the UK

The earliest you can apply for a visa is 6 months before you start your course.

You'll usually get a decision on your visa within 3 weeks.

Applying from inside the UK

The earliest you can apply is 3 months before your course starts.

You must apply before your current visa expires. Your new course must begin within 28 days of your current visa expiring.

You'll usually get a decision within 8 weeks.

How long you can stay

How long you can stay depends on the length of your course and what study you've already completed in the UK.

If you're 18 or over and your course is at degree level, you can usually stay in the UK for up to 5 years. If it's below degree level, you can usually stay in the UK for up to 2 years.

[Read the guidance to find out exactly how long you can stay.](#)

Staying longer in the UK

You may be able to:

- [extend your visa](#) if you're eligible, for example to continue your studies in the UK
- [switch to a Student visa](#) from another visa if you're already in the UK
- [switch to a Graduate visa](#) to stay in the UK for at least 2 years after successfully completing your course

When you can travel to the UK

You can arrive before your course starts. This can be either:

- up to 1 week before, if your course lasts 6 months or less
- up to 1 month before, if your course lasts more than 6 months

You must not travel to the UK before the start date given on your visa, no matter when your course starts.

Fees

It costs:

- £363 to apply for a Student visa from outside the UK
- £490 to extend or switch to a Student visa from inside the UK

You must pay the visa fee for each person that joins you.

Healthcare surcharge

You'll also have to [pay the healthcare surcharge](#) as part of your application.

How much you pay depends on how long your visa lasts. [Check how much you'll have to pay](#) before you apply.

Your partner and children

You may be able to [bring your partner and children \('dependants'\)](#).

What you can and cannot do

You can:

- study
- work as a student union sabbatical officer

You may be able to work - how much depends on what you're studying and whether you're working in or out of term-time.

You cannot:

- claim [public funds](#) (benefits) and pensions
- work in certain jobs, for example as a professional sportsperson or sports coach
- be self-employed
- study at an academy or a local authority-funded school (also known as a maintained school)

If your application is successful, you'll be told what you can and cannot do on a Student visa.

[Next: Your course](#)

6. E- VISA

You can get an electronic visa waiver (EVW) instead of a visa if you are a national of:

- Bahrain
- Kuwait
- Oman
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- United Arab Emirates
- ✓ You must pay £30 for an EVW.
- ✓ An EVW lets you visit the UK for up to 6 months for tourism, business, study or medical treatment. If you're visiting for another reason, check if you need a visa instead.
- ✓ You must apply between 3 months and 48 hours before you travel.

To apply you need:

- Your current passport
- An address in the UK where you will stay
- Details of your journey, including departure and arrival dates and times

Applicaiton Link: https://www.electronic-visa-waiver.service.gov.uk/apply/begin?_ga=2.200327854.1487864425.1653633877-479698035.1645609755

7. GENERAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ **Online Appointment:** To deliver the visa application file to the British Consulate, an appointment must be made online. The location and type of appointment are chosen from the 'Book Appointment' section of the page to make an appointment. Following the appointment, a secure payment option for the UK visa application fee that is appropriate for the UK visa category selected through the online system is chosen. After completing the entire online process, the UK visa application fee payment and appointment confirmation email printout should be added to the application file.
- ✓ **Bank Passbook:** The financial source covering the UK travel expenses in England should be seen as a balance in the personal bank account in Euro/TL or USD as collateral in the personal bank passbook submitted for the UK visa application. Bank Passbook or Bank Statement demonstrating the last three months of active bank account activity must be submitted with the bank's signature, stamp, and Signature Circular.
- ✓ **Documents Demonstrating Professional Status:** Official documents demonstrating that the person applying for a UK visa is employed by the Institution/Company: SGK Employment Statement, SGK Service Statement, Salary Slip, and official documents of the institution/company he works for, on letterhead obtained from the workplace by the authorized person. It is necessary to prepare a written, stamped, and wet-signed Duty Document or Permission Document. If applicable, an Occupational Duty Card.
- ✓ **Reservation information** for UK travel reservations must be submitted, confirming the transportation and accommodation plan that supports the travel plans required for the UK visa application. The round-trip flight ticket reservation date and the UK travel date must be the same. Hotel reservations must be issued in the traveler's name. The British Consulate and British Embassy request that the hotel reservations included in the visa application be confirmed (confirmed), and they can do so by calling the hotels in question during the visa application evaluation process. If temporary, show hotel reservations made over the Internet are discovered, the visa application may be rejected.
- ✓ Those planning to travel to England **with their own vehicle** should obtain green insurance covering the travel dates as well as an international driver's license. Individuals and vehicles without these two documents are not permitted to pass through the UK border gate.

8. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR GENERAL VISITOR VISA

✓ **PASSPORT**

A passport with at least 6 months validity from the end of the trip is required in order for a visa to be issued.

It is critical to present old passports together.

✓ **FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS**

The balance in the personal bank account (Euro/GBP/USD) must correspond to the financial resource that covers the trip to England.

Bank Passbook or (updated) Bank Statement displaying the last 6 months of active bank account activity.

Salary Slip for the Previous Three Months

Employer Letter from the Institution/Company for which he/she works: when the employee began working, his salary, position, company contact information, the name and position of the authorized person, along with his signature and stamp.

If a first-degree relative is sponsoring the trip to England;

Payroll for the last three months to declare your financial situation in England, documents reporting bank income, and documents proving your assets
Documents proving official registration in England; bills for electricity, water, and gas, for example.

✓ **DOCUMENTS CONNECTED WITH THE PROFESSION:**

Employer Permission Letter written on letterhead in English by the Authority/Company official: it should include detailed job position, salary information, working time in the company, leave dates, and commitment to continue work. SGK Recruitment Statement and SGK Service Sheet, Workplace documents with up-to-date information.

✓ **EDUCATION-RELATED DOCUMENTS**

Admission Letter for a Student: The fact that he is on leave from school should be communicated on the letterhead of the Education Institution with which he is affiliated.

If the applicant is under the age of 18, he or she must provide a birth certificate or full proof of identity (including family and address information) If he is traveling with his/her mother or father or a third party, he must have a notarized original Consent (Permit) signed by both parents stating that there is no reason for him to travel and that they have granted permission, as well as copies of his/her identity card or passport pages with their signatures.

Detailed information about the third person he/she is traveling to and the location where he/she will stay.

✓ **ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR APPLICATION**

If the applicant is a foreign national, they must have a TR Residence Permit valid for at least the last 6 months and a photocopy of it.

In the case of a family vacation in England, the jointly submitted documents do not need to be included in the application file a second time. Title Deed, Vehicle License, Rent Income, Car License, and Credit Card Statements are all registered in the Applicant's name.

A document describing the male applicant's military service status must be presented. (Must be written in English) Reservation of Round-Trip Flight Tickets

Detailed UK Travel Itinerary

Please pay attention!

The activity certificate of the company that the UK visa applicant must declare regarding the workplace to which he or she is affiliated must be prepared in English and declared as an original document with a current date. If the person is the owner of the company; Trade Registry Record: It should contain the company's activity information, issued on behalf of the workplace's owner. The Chamber of Commerce where the company is registered issues the English Certificate of Activity. If the individual is retired, a copy of their retirement salary passbook (last three months' statement) and a photocopy of their pension card are required.

If the individual is a farmer, he or she must obtain a Farmer's Certificate from the Chamber of Agriculture with which they are affiliated. If the individual holds one of the following occupations: Lawyer-Doctor-Pharmacist-Dentist-Engineer; Occupation-related Chamber Registration or Occupational Identity Card.

8. TLS CONTACT



TLSContact is an authorized visa application agency for the United Kingdom and Switzerland.

<https://ch.tlscontact.com/tr/ist/index.php>

British Embassy Ankara

<https://www.gov.uk/world/organisations/british-embassy-ankara.tr>

FOR YOUR INFORMATION,

This general information package has been put together to help you with your visa applications.

It is, however, the applicants' responsibility to keep up with current information and to carry out his/her process.

If you have any questions, please contact us at the email address listed below:

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