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 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: as long as the University has received your BRP, you will be able to collect this from your College after your passport and entry vignette have been checked.

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: please collect this from the Post Office in advance. If it is not available, do not delay attending for your other document checks as outlined in the accompanying email. You should bring your BRP to your College as soon as this is available.

All BRPs are being issued with an expiry date of 31 December 2024 or earlier. Find out why at www.internationalstudents.cam.ac.uk/2024-expiry.

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

By email (in advance of the in-person check):

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

In person:

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

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 'something 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 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		
Has your new student visa for Cambridge been granted?		My visa was issued as	In person	By email (reply to the email in which you received these instructions)		
	YES:	a) only a Biometric Residence Permit (BRP).	Passport & BRP	N/A. Note: all BRPs are being issued with an expiry date of 31 December 2024 or earlier. Find out why at www.internationalstudents.cam.ac.uk/2024-expiry .		
		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)	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'.	
	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 visa, you must have been granted your student visa for Cambridge before starting your course.]		
		e) not submitted my visa application. I have recently completed a course at the University of Cambridge. 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. [Note: you must apply within 6 weeks after your course start date (the deadline is normally 12 November 2023) or before your current visa expires, whichever is earlier.]		
		f) not submitted my visa application. I have recently completed a course at a different institution and my previous	submitted y	t permitted to start your course on your previous student visa unless you have your new student visa application. mit your new student visa application then provide the required documents as listed to this before you start studying. Contact the International Student Office.		

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

Request a 'share code' from the website below and send this to us in advance by replying to the email we sent to you with this guidance.

student visa is still valid.

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

Please ensure you choose the option 'something 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)

above. You must do this before you start studying. Contact the International Student Office

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.

Documents to provide

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

urgently if you need guidance on submitting your visa application.

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.