



Brexit: Information for students studying at ESCP London Campus from January 2021

Can EU students coming to study in London for one semester use the EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) in the UK?

The EHIC card is not valid anymore for EU students arriving from 1st January 2021. All new students will need to arrange for medical insurance for their stay in the UK. The exceptions are EU students with Pre-Settled status.

Do EU students who arrive in the UK after 1 January 2021 need to obtain visa to study for a period of 6 months or less?

EU students do not need to obtain a visa if they are coming to the UK for a period of 6 months or less. Please note students are not allowed to do work placements or internships without a visa.

Do EU students need to obtain a visa if they plan to study in the UK for longer than 6 months?

Yes, EU students will need to apply for Student Visa in advance. Please check the Home Office information: <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa>. This visa will allow EU students to study in the UK for longer than 6 months and undertake work placements or internships that are part of their programme at ESCP Business School.

Can EU students use any other travel document apart from passports in order to travel to the UK?

EU students can travel with their national ID cards until 30th September 2021. From 1st October 2021, passports will be requested to enter the UK.

Do EU students need to provide proof of English-language proficiency when applying for the Student Visa?

An applicant will meet the English-language requirement if they have obtained GCSEs, A levels or Scottish Highers in English while at school in the UK.

You do not need to provide English Proficiency if you are from the majority English Speaking Country or if you have completed Degree (RQF 6) from one of these countries:

<https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/knowledge-of-english>

If you do not fall into these categories, EU students should provide one of the following:

- IELTS UKVI
- PEARSON PTE

More information: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prove-your-english-language-abilities-with-a-secure-english-language-test-selt#find-an-approved-test>

Do EU students who apply for the Student Visa need to provide evidence of living/maintenance funds?

EU nationals are classed as 'low risk' nationalities and are not required to provide proof of living/maintenance funds when applying for a visa. Nevertheless, the Home Office case officer might request these documents before making a decision on an application. In this case, students should show proof that they have access to funds to cover any outstanding fees for their plus maintenance funds (£1,334 per month but not more than 9 months). These funds should have been in the account for a consecutive 28-day period ending no more than 31 days before submission.

What are the financial requirements in order to apply under Student Visa route for non-EU students?

Students need to provide evidence that they have money to pay course fees and living expenses in London. Students must show that they have funds to cover full first-year course fees (unless already paid to ESCP in full or partially) plus £1,334 (or equivalent in another currency) for each calendar month of the course (not more than 9 months); and that the funds have been in the account for a consecutive 28-day period ending no more than 31 days before the date of your application.

Some countries have been added to the list of 'low risk' nationals. Students from these countries are not required to submit evidence to show that they meet the financial requirements unless requested by Home Office case worker. A full list of countries which are exempt from providing evidence of financial requirements under 'differential evidence requirement' can be found via the link: <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/money>

If students (from any nationality) have been in the UK with a valid visa for at least 12 months on the date of the application, they do not need to show living/maintenance Funds.

Can my grandparents sponsor my application for a Student visa to meet the financial requirements?

You can show funds in your parent's bank account or your personal account, and it should be held in the account for 28 consecutive days. Any other relatives/friends cannot sponsor the main applicant. If parents are showing their bank statements, you must provide original birth certificate and a consent letter from them to confirm the relationship and their permission to use the money to pay for your study.

What are the associated fees for Student visas?

Students who apply from outside the UK must pay £348 for Home Office application fees. Students switching or extending the Student visa from inside the UK will need to pay £475 application fees. In addition to visa fees, all students must pay the Immigration Healthcare Surcharge which is currently £470 per year.

How quickly will I receive the decision about my Student Visa application?

If your application is made outside the UK, a decision will usually be made within 3 weeks. If your application is made inside the UK (extending or switching to Student Visa) a decision will usually be made within 8 weeks.

Depending on where you are when you apply, there may be services (Super Priority and Priority) available to speed up the visa application process. There may be an additional cost to use these services.

I was granted a Tier 4/Student Visa but due to COVID-19 I am not able to come to the UK within the validity dates of the vignette. Can I renew my vignette?

In case you are not able to arrive in the UK before the expiry date of your vignette, you can request a replacement visa vignette with revised validity dates, free of charge until the end of this year. You'll need to email CIH@homeoffice.gov.uk and include your name, nationality, date of birth and your GWF reference number with 'REPLACEMENT 30 DAY VISA' in the subject line. Please refer to the webpage: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-for-uk-visa-applicants-and-temporary-uk-residents#outside-uk>

I want to apply for Student Visa but I have been refused a UK visa in past. Can I still get a visa?

We request students to inform ESCP Business School London at the stage of admissions about previous visa refusals from any countries including the UK. Students also need to provide copies of refusal letters. We will be looking at each case individually.

The UK visa centre in my country is closed due to COVID-19 and I can not apply for my student visa to join my course in January 2021. Are there alternative ways to obtain a visa, for example at the border?

If you are required to obtain UK visa in advance, it is not possible to come to the UK and get a visa upon arrival. We recommend you to closely monitor the situation in your country and check the reopening time of the visa centre. You might also speak to your programme administrator about online formats of study.

I would like to do part of my internship in the UK. What visa do I need to be able to do so?

If you consider undertaking an internship in the UK, we recommend you study at the London Campus for at least 2 semesters. That way, ESCP can sponsor you for a Study visa that will allow you to do internship/work placement which can be no longer than 50% of the study period. It means that if you come for two semesters (8 months), you will be able to do 4 months of internship.

EU, EEA and Swiss students who obtained Settled or Pre-Settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme can undertake internships/work placements without any limitations.

I am EU national and I will start my studies at ESCP London in January 2021. Can I apply under EU Settlement Scheme and obtain pre-settled status to secure my rights in the UK?

EU, EEA (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) and Swiss nationals can apply under EU Settlement Scheme and obtain settled or pre-settled status if they arrived in the UK before 11pm on 31 December 2020. The deadline for application is 30 June 2021. This status will allow EU nationals to continue living in the UK including work, study, access NHS system and public funds. More information can be found via the link <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

What documents do I need to show in order to apply under EU Settlement Scheme?

You need a valid passport or valid national identity card along with a digital photo of your face. You will also need to prove that you started living in the UK before 31 December 2020 (11 PM). We recommend you keep your train ticket or boarding pass used to travel to the UK. You can also provide a rental agreement, UK bank statements, governmental letters, and/or UK bills. More information is available <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/eu-settlement-scheme-evidence-of-uk-residence>

What do I need to do to apply for EU Settlement Scheme?

If you wish to apply for EU settlement, please follow the steps below:

1) Prepare your supporting documents

If you don't have a National Insurance number and/or haven't been working in the UK for 5 years, you will need to obtain a student status letter to prove when you commenced studies (to show that you were living in the UK before 1 January 2021 if applicable to you); OR any other documents, such as a tenancy agreement, travel ticket, bank statement, bill to show that you were living here if you moved to the UK before you started your studies.

2) Prove your identity: download the EU Exit ID Document app (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-eu-exit-id-document-check-app>) onto an Android device and use it to prove your identity by scanning your face and passport. If you don't have a suitable device, you can prove your identity by post or go to an identity document scanning location. You can find a list of these locations here: <https://www.gov.uk/id-scan-eu-settlement-scheme>

3) Complete the application online: this can be done on any device: <https://apply-to-visit-or-stay-in-the-uk.homeoffice.gov.uk/dashboard/fbis-landing-page>

I am travelling to the UK to start my studies at ESCP. Do I need to self-isolate for 10 days upon my arrival to London?

Students from some countries will be asked to quarantine (self-isolate) when they arrive in the UK for the first 10 days. The full list of exempt countries is on the GOV.UK website:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>

If you need to quarantine, please use private car hire (if you can) to go to your destination. If you need to use public transport to go to your accommodation, please make sure you follow the latest guidance from TfL, including maintaining social distancing and wearing a face covering, unless you are exempt.

I have arrived in the UK with the Student visa vignette and need to collect my BRP. But I need to quarantine for 10 days. How can I collect my BRP from the post office?

You can nominate someone else to collect your BRP if you have a serious illness or disability that prevents you from collecting it. They must provide your passport as evidence that you've entered the UK. More information: <https://www.gov.uk/biometric-residence-permits/collect#:~:text=If%20you%20cannot%20collect%20your,you've%20entered%20the%20UK>