



**The UK's  
points-based  
immigration  
system:** An  
introduction for  
EU students



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The UK left the European Union on 31 January 2020, and from 1 January 2021 the UK will implement a points-based immigration system (PBS).

This means from 1 January 2021, if you wish to study more than six months at a degree level and do not already live in the UK or have rights under the Withdrawal Agreement, you will need to meet specific requirements and apply through the PBS (Student Visa Point-Based System) to do so. You will also need to pass relevant checks, including UK criminal-record checks.

You can continue to visit the UK for up to six months without applying for a visa, and may participate in a wide range of activities including tourism, visiting family and friends, and short term study. You can enter the UK with an ID card until 30 September 2021 (for visits of less than six months).

Irish citizens' status will continue to be protected as part of Common Travel Area arrangements and therefore will not require permission to come to the UK except in a very limited number of circumstances, and Irish citizens will not be required to apply under the new points-based immigration system.

# EU, EEA and Swiss citizens already living in the UK

If you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen living in the UK by 31 December 2020, you can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021. The deadline for applying is 30 June 2021.

## EU Settlement Scheme:

EU, EEA and Swiss citizens who are currently in the UK or will arrive in the UK before 11pm on 31 December 2020 are eligible to apply for the EU Settlement Scheme and obtain Settled or Pre-Settled Status: <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>.

If you wish to apply for EU settlement, please read official information provided by the Home Office (<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>) and 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 five years you will need to obtain a student status letter to prove when your studies commenced (i.e. to show that you were living in the UK before 1 January 2021), OR any other documents, such as a tenancy agreement, 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. More information here: <https://apply-to-visit-or-stay-in-the-uk.homeoffice.gov.uk/dashboard/fbis-landing-page>

## Student visa

If you are 16 or over, you will be eligible to apply for a Student visa to study in the UK at ESCP Business School's London Campus. You will need to complete an application, pay an application fee, and have a current passport or other valid travel document.

## Eligibility

You will be awarded points for meeting the requirements of the route as set out in the table below. To be eligible to apply for a Student visa, you need to score 70 points. Points are non-tradeable, which means you will need to meet all the requirements.

## You must have a valid Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS):

| Points type      | Relevant requirements to be met                                                                             | Number of points |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Student          | Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies Course<br>Approved Qualification<br>Level of Study<br>Place of Study | 50               |
| Financial        | Financial requirement                                                                                       | 10               |
| English language | English language requirement                                                                                | 10               |

The listed requirements set out in the table above mean that to successfully apply for a Student visa, you must demonstrate that:  
You can start a process of a CAS Letter 180 days (six months) prior to your Course Commencement Date.

When you apply for a Student visa, you will need to provide your reference number from the Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS), which is provided by your Visa Officer at ESCP London Campus.

### Documents required to obtain a CAS Letter:

- Unconditional Offer Letter or Enrolment Letter
- Passport
- Academic records or transcripts
- English Proficiency Certificate
- Financial Evidence: You will need to prove that you have the required amount of money to pay any outstanding tuition fees for your first year of study

### Living/Maintenance Funds (£1,334 per month for up to nine months)

EU, EEA and Swiss citizens 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 at the time of submission of their application at the Home Office. The full list of countries which are exempt from providing evidence of financial requirements under 'differential evidence requirement' can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/money>  
The rules state that the documentation (as evidence of Living Funds/Maintenance Funds) may be requested as part of the application process.

## Applying for a Student visa

You will be able to apply for a Student visa up to six months before your intended course starts in 2021. Most people will be able to complete their application, including identity verification, using a smartphone app. Some applicants may need to attend a Visa Application Centre if they are unable to access the app, or if they do not have a biometric passport. More details on the application process will be available on GOV.UK at a later date (<https://www.gov.uk/>).

## Fees

- A student application fee costs £348
- You will need to pay the Immigration Healthcare Surcharge as part of your application.
- Paying the Immigration Health Surcharge gives you access to the UK's National Health Service (NHS). As a student, you will receive a 25% discount on this surcharge, making this cost £470.

## Work

ESCP London Campus students on Student visas will be able to work part-time during term (up to 20 hours a week), full-time during vacations (including the period before the course starts), or on a work placement as part of the course.

## VISA DURATION:

Permission will be granted for the duration of the course plus four months if the course is 12 months or longer, or the duration of the course plus two months if the course is between six and 12 months. To start your application please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/apply>

## GRADUATE IMMIGRATION

### ROUTE:

Students will have the benefit of working in the UK upon completion of their studies.

### Requirements to apply for Graduate Immigration Route:

- Hold a Student Visa
- Successfully complete a degree at undergraduate level or above
- Graduate in the summer of 2021 or after





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