

Summer School 2023

Advice for International Applicants

According to the current Immigration rules in the UK, international visitors can undertake a short course for study in the UK on a Standard Visitor visa.

Please read parts A, B & C of this document.

Part A

Nationals from Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, USA, EU, EEA and Switzerland

You can use the E-Gates upon arrival. You are not required to apply for a visa to enter the UK. However, please keep the following documents ready to present to the Immigration officials upon request:

- Your valid Passport.
- BIMM Offer letter.
- Evidence to show that you can support yourself financially for the duration of your course.
- Evidence of your return ticket.

If you are not a national from one of the countries noted above, you will be required to apply for Entry Clearance before entering the UK.

Your application must include the following:

- A completed application form online.
- BIMM Offer letter.
- Your valid Passport.
- Evidence to show that you can support yourself financially for the duration of your course.
- An application fee of £100 would be required in order to submit your application. Visit <u>this</u> <u>link</u> from 6 April 2023 to check visa fees for the next financial year.

Part B

All summer school participants are below the age of 18 and therefore need to meet the following additional requirements:

- Suitable arrangements must have been put in place for your travel to the UK, reception in the UK and care during your stay in the UK;
- Consent letter from your parent or legal guardian if they are not accompanying you on your travel or during your stay in the UK;
- If you are travelling unaccompanied with an entry clearance your visa must state that you are unaccompanied.

• If you are travelling with an entry clearance visa and are accompanied by an adult, your visa must state that you will be accompanied, and it must identify the adult that will be accompanying you.

Part C

Financial Evidence

Required Funds: The UKVI has not set a level of required funds for this visa route. However, you should be able to demonstrate that you have sufficient resources to maintain and accommodate yourself adequately for the period of you stay in the UK. Using the Student Route Visa financial guidance we would recommend that you have equivalent of £1023 if studying outside London and £1334 per month if studying inside London for the duration of the course.

Financial Institutions: Funds will not be considered if they are held in a financial institution where any of the following apply:

- $a. \quad the \ decision \ maker \ is \ unable \ to \ make \ satisfactory \ verification \ checks;$
- b. the financial institution is not regulated by the appropriate regulatory body for the country in which that institution is operating;
- c. the financial institution does not use electronic record keeping.

E-Gates

It is important that you retain a copy of your boarding pass as evidence of your date of arrival in the UK as you won't be receiving an entry clearance stamp in your passport. You are also required to submit this evidence to the BIMM Immigration & Compliance team upon arrival.

What you can and cannot do on the Visitor visa

You can:

- Study at an accredited institution
- Undertake a short course of study for 6 months or less

You cannot:

- Do paid or unpaid work for as a self-employed person
- You will not be permitted to access public funds during your stay
- You are not permitted access to medical treatment in the UK you will need to obtain medical insurance before travelling to the UK

Useful Links

Visitor Visa Overview: https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor/visit-to-study

Detailed information UKCISA: https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Visas-and-Immigration/Visitors

Supporting Documents : https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/visitor-visa-guide-to-supporting-documents/guide-to-supporting-documents-visiting-the-uk