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Requirements for new non-UK/Irish students

If you are not a UK or Irish passport holder, we are required by the UK Home Office to obtain a copy of your visa/immigration status and passport ID, and to check that you have a visa/immigration status that allows you to study before you can be enrolled at Oxford. This includes those who have pre-settled or settled status via the EU Settlement Scheme.

If you are overseas and require a visa, you must have your visa approved before you travel to the UK. **Do not arrive in the UK before your visa start date.** You cannot arrive as a visitor and switch to a student visa once here; in this situation we cannot enrol you on to your course and you would need to return home immediately.

If you have “indefinite leave to remain” in the UK then please email us (college.office@spc.ox.ac.uk) so that we can record this.

What you need to do

- 1 Upload a photo or scan of the ID page of your passport [using this form](#)
- 2 If you applied for your student visa before you were 18 years old, please email a copy of the parental consent form that you sent to the Home Office to college.office@spc.ox.ac.uk.
- 3 Generate a 'share code' here: <https://www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status>
- 4 Enter the 'share code' and other requested information [into this form](#).

We will not be able to give you your University Card and complete your enrolment as a student of the University and the College until we have copies of all the required information.

Other information

1. Extending a previous visa

If you are able to extend your visa in the UK e.g. if you are moving from another UK college/university to Oxford we can accept evidence of a submitted visa application for Oxford to allow you to enrol. If you are starting a second (new) course at Oxford you must apply for a new visa before you begin or by 20 November 2026 at the latest even if your current Oxford visa expires later.

2. Check your visa expiry date

For student visas the expiry date should be an additional two months after your CAS end date if the course is less than 12 months long; if your course is 12 months or longer it should be an additional four months added to your CAS end date for the visa expiry date. As your visa will be issued in the format of an eVisa, make sure you log the expiry date somewhere as you must be careful **never to overstay** on your visa.

3. Do not arrive before your visa start date

If you are outside the UK, you must have your visa approved before you travel to the UK. You cannot arrive as a visitor (or on ETA permission) and switch to a student visa in the UK. If your student visa application is delayed, then contact us or your department/faculty (if you are a graduate student) and we will discuss what we can do to help.

If you recently entered the UK as a visitor or on ETA permission before your student visa start date, you cannot be enrolled and must leave the UK and re-enter after your student visa start date to activate that visa/permission. You cannot be enrolled until this has been done.

4. Visa delays

We know this is an additional requirement for you and there can be visa delays sometimes, but failure to do this means we are not permitted by the UK Government to let you commence your studies and we cannot make any exceptions. We are providing you this advance notice so there are no delays or enrolment issues when you arrive and so you can start the course on time.

5. How to find further information

The [student visa webpages](#) include information about your visa conditions whilst studying, work permission and what happens if your enrolment status changes during the course. You will receive a reminder about visa conditions and any visa updates in week 5 of each term from the Student Immigration team.