

## Identify Checks and Proof of your Right to Study in the UK – Documentation we will accept

You'll need to bring your original documents along to be checked in person and scanned, before you can start studying with us inside the UK.

I'm from the UK/EEA	Identity Documents Required	UK Immigration documents required (all documents must be originals unless specified)
<b>UK or Irish national</b>	<p>British or Irish Citizen passport or; If you were born in the UK/Ireland but don't have a British or Irish passport, <b>two</b> from the following list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birth or adoption certificate issued in the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man or Ireland including name of parent(s)</li> <li>• Current UK driving licence</li> <li>• Student Loans Company tuition fee loan confirmation (electronic/good quality paper copy accepted)</li> <li>• Disclosure and Barring Service Certificate*</li> <li>• Benefits paperwork issued by HMRC, Job Centre Plus or a UK local authority*</li> </ul> <p>*dated within the last 3 months</p>	<p>No additional documents required unless you were born outside the UK/Ireland, in which case you'll need a British/Irish passport or proof of your British Citizenship.</p> <p>Note: If you have a British National Overseas (BNO); British Overseas Territories Citizen or British Overseas Citizen passport you'll need a visa or other immigration status documents, read the section for those from outside the UK/EEA.</p>
<b>EEA or Swiss national and; entering the UK by 31 December 2020</b>	<p>Valid Passport or national identity card or; If you were born in the EEA/Switzerland but don't have a passport, <b>two</b> from the following list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current UK driving licence</li> <li>• Student Loans Company tuition fee loan confirmation (electronic/good quality paper copy accepted)</li> <li>• Benefits paperwork issued by HMRC, Job Centre Plus or a UK local authority*</li> </ul> <p>*dated within the last 3 months</p>	<p>No additional documents required for right to study checks in 2020.</p> <p>Note: You'll need to apply to the <a href="#">EU Settlement Scheme</a> before 30 June 2020, if you haven't already done so. We will be contacting you during the academic year to ask for proof of your settled status.</p>
<b>EEA or Swiss national and; entering the UK on or after 1 January 2021</b>	<p>Valid EEA/Swiss passport or national identity card (that you used to enter the UK)</p>	<p><b>If you have settled or pre-settled status in the UK</b>, we will need to check it via a new UK government online checking system. Once the system is launched we'll be able to tell you more about what you'll need to do.</p> <p><b>If you don't have settled or pre-settled status in the UK</b>, you'll need another form of immigration permission to study with us and will need to check the relevant section below for more information.</p>

I'm from outside the UK/EEA	Your UK Immigration Status	Identity Documents	UK Immigration documents required (all documents must be originals unless specified)
	Tier 4 (General) Sponsor Licence Number THHCP1YV6	Valid passport or; if you made your application in the UK and it's with the Home Office, a copy.	<p>You'll need to bring your CAS statement and your UK address/contact details.</p> <p><b>If you applied overseas you'll need your:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entry Clearance vignette (sticker in your passport) and;</li> <li>• Airline ticket/booking pass proving you arrived in the UK on or after the valid from date on your EC vignette (electronic or paper version) and;</li> <li>• Biometric Residence Permit, valid for the duration of your course (you'll collect this when you arrive in the UK) or, if your BRP isn't available, your UKVI letter showing when and where your BRP is available to collect.</li> </ul> <p><b>If you applied in the UK you'll need your:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biometric Residence Permit, valid for the duration of your course (this will be sent to your UK address)</li> </ul> <p>or, if you haven't received your BRP yet;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Original or copy of previous Biometric Residence Permit and;</li> <li>• A complete copy of your application form showing fee paid, date submitted to the Home Office (must be before your last leave expired) and University of Essex as your sponsor.</li> </ul> <p>Note: If you haven't applied yet or have a partially completed application, you won't be able to study with us.</p>
	Short-term student visa	Valid passport	<p><b>If you applied overseas:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short-term student entry clearance vignette (sticker in your passport) valid for the duration of your course and;</li> <li>• Airline ticket/booking proving you arrived in the UK on or after the valid from date on your EC vignette (electronic or paper version)</li> </ul> <p><b>If you were granted entry at the UK Border:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short-term student stamp in your passport (date of entry must be no more than 6 months before the end date of your course)</li> </ul>

	Other types of limited leave to enter or remain i.e. Tier 2/Tier 5/Dependants	Valid passport	<p><b>If you applied overseas:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entry Clearance vignette (sticker in your passport) and;</li> <li>• Airline ticket/booking proving you arrived in the UK on or after the valid from date on your EC vignette (electronic or paper version) and;</li> <li>• Biometric Residence Permit (you'll collect this when you arrive in the UK)</li> </ul> <p><b>If you applied in the UK you'll need your:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biometric Residence Permit (this will be sent to your UK address) or, if you haven't received it yet,</li> <li>• Original or copy of Biometric Residence Permit and;</li> <li>• A complete copy of your application form showing fee paid and date submitted to the Home Office (must be before your last leave expired)</li> </ul> <p>Note: although you may be able to study with us it is important that you maintain your immigration status and do not breach your conditions. If your leave expires before the end date of your course you will need to extend it by the expiry date and register at your own risk.</p>
	British National Overseas or; British Overseas Territories Citizen or; British Overseas Citizen with a Certificate of Entitlement	Valid passport	<p>Check the <a href="#">Home Office website</a> to see if you need UK immigration permission to study with us. If your parents were born in the UK you may automatically be a British citizen or be entitled to apply but we'll need to see a valid document to prove your immigration status.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of Entitlement to study in the UK</li> <li>• If you have another type of immigration permission, see the relevant category in this table.</li> </ul>
	Indefinite Leave to Enter or; Indefinite Leave to Remain or; Settlement in the UK or; Refugee status	Passport or; Refugee travel document if you don't have a passport.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vignette (sticker in your passport) or;</li> <li>• Biometric Residence Permit or, if you don't have one, a letter from the Home Office confirming the grant of your leave or that you have a pending valid application.</li> </ul> <p>A refugee convention travel document is not evidence of UK immigration status.</p>

I'm applying for British Citizenship	Valid passport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We'll need evidence of your current UK Immigration status, for instance, Indefinite Leave to Remain (see relevant section) and;</li> <li>a letter/email from the Home Office confirming your citizenship application was submitted and is pending.</li> </ul> <p>You'll need to let us know when you've received the outcome to your application and we'll change your nationality to British on database.</p>
I'm applying for further leave to remain in the UK (not Tier 4)	Valid passport or; If your passport is with the Home Office, a colour copy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biometric Residence Permit or copy;</li> <li>Letter/email from the Home Office confirming when your application was submitted.</li> </ul>
Visitors: Studying a course of less than 30 days duration.	Valid passport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entry Clearance sticker or;</li> <li>Visitor stamp in your passport</li> </ul> <p>If your course is longer than 30 days you will need to obtain the correct visa to study with us.</p>

**This is not an exhaustive list of immigration types as there are many. If you are unsure bring your passport, BRP if you have one and, any letters you may have from the Home Office.**

## Frequently asked questions

<b>I have a residence permit for another European country, not the UK, is that ok?</b>	A residence permit for somewhere other than the UK does not give you the right to live and study inside the UK. You'll need immigration permission to study in the UK. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa">https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa</a>
<b>I have dual nationality, European plus elsewhere, do I need a visa?</b>	If you are entering the UK before 31 December 2020, you can enter with your European passport and apply for <a href="#">settlement</a> . If you are entering the UK on or after 1 January 2021, you'll need immigration permission to study in the UK.
<b>I was born outside the UK and I have settled status. However, I can't find the evidence.</b>	If you are unable to locate documents in a reasonable time we may be able to check with the Home Office. You'll need to contact our <a href="#">International Services team</a> . You won't be able to study until we receive confirmation that you have valid leave allowing study with us.
<b>Can I provide you with a letter/email from my lawyer?</b>	A letter/email from a lawyer or 3 <sup>rd</sup> party is not evidence of your immigration status. You will need to obtain documents as mentioned above. If you are unable to locate documents in a reasonable time we may be able to check with the Home Office. You'll need to contact our <a href="#">International Services team</a> . You won't be able to study until we receive confirmation that you have valid leave allowing study with us.