

Graduate Route (GR) Visa FAQs

Overview

You must apply online.

You can only apply in the UK.

You do not need a university or an employer to sponsor you.

You will need your CAS number from your last student visa application.

You must successfully complete your degree.

Who cannot apply?

You cannot apply under the Graduate Route if,

you have previously been granted a Graduate Route or DES visa.

Are there other working visas I could look into?

If you are not eligible for the Graduate Route, you can look at alternative working after studies routes. Please visit the [UKCISA website](#) for an overview of your options.

How to apply?

Apply online <https://www.gov.uk/graduate-visa>

What fees do I have to pay?

Application fee: £822 per person; and

National Health Service Surcharge: £1035 per adult /per year and £776 per child/ per year.

For example, a single student must have access to £2892 to pay the associated GR application fees.

A student with a spouse/child/family will need to pay the above application fee for each member of the family + the relevant NHS surcharge fee.

What documents do I need to apply?

a valid passport or other travel document that shows your identity and nationality.

your biometric residence permit (BRP), if you were given one when you applied for your Student visa or Tier 4 (General) student visa.

your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) reference number from when you applied for your Student visa.

You will receive your CAS number from academic registry when you receive a confirmation email that explains that we have reported your successful completion to the UKVI.

Depending on your circumstances, you might be asked to provide:

proof of your relationship with [your partner or children](#) if they're applying with you

a letter from your scholarship or sponsorship provider approving your application, if they paid for your course fees or living costs in the last 12 months

If your documents are not in English or Welsh you'll also need to provide a [certified translation](#).

Do I need to provide evidence of finances as part of the GR application?

There is no need to show evidence of funds. The UKVI expect that you will be able to support

You can start a full-time permanent job after making your Graduate route application. But you must wait for a decision before you start self-employment or work as an entertainer.

You must not work as a professional sports person with Graduate permission. The date on which you applied for Student or Graduate permission makes no difference.

What type of work can I do on a GR visa?

Employment and self-employment are permitted.

You cannot work as a professional sports person including sports coaching or as a doctor or dentist in training.

Can I study on a GR visa?

This visa route is not intended to be used for study purposes. You cannot study on a course that could be undertaken as a student on a Student Route visa.

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