

From Japan to the UK



- Student Visitor Visa

If you are planning to study English in the UK for less than 6 months, you will not need to apply for a visa. However, you will need a **confirmation letter** from a language school and some **documents*** listed below to show to the UK Immigration Officer at the airport.

Once you obtain this visa, you are allowed to stay in the UK and study until your visa expires, but you are not allowed to work in the UK, or switch into another type of visa.

* Evidence of maintenance- bank statement, travellers cheque, etc

Return Flight Ticket- from the UK to Japan

Passport- valid for at least 6 months

- Extended Student Visitor Visa

If you are planning to study English in the UK more than 6 month and less than 11 months, you will have to apply for Extended Student Visitor Visa in advance. In order to do that, **you will have to apply for visa UK Border Agency online and you will have to visit UK Border Agency Application Centers in Japan. You will also be required finger prints records.** Before you visit the center, you will need to book an appointment online.

You are also required to provide some documents*, but no necessary to prove your level of English.

Please note that you will need to provide the **documents*** listed overleaf to apply for the visa. It normally takes 3 to 12 weeks. Once you obtain this visa, you are allowed to stay in the UK and study until your visa expires, but you are not allowed to work in the UK, or switch into another type of visa.

- * School Confirmation Letter from language school
- Evidence of Maintenance (bank statement, passbook, etc) - amount not specified
- Passport- valid for at least 6 months
- 2 Photographs

- General Student Visa (Tier 4)

If you are planning to study English in the UK more than 11 months or study in the higher education systems such as universities or colleges, you will have to apply for General Student Visa in advance. In order to do that, **you will have to apply for visa UK Border Agency online and you will have to visit UK Border Agency Application Centers in Japan. You will also be required finger prints records.** Before you visit the center, you will need to book an appointment online.

Please note that you will need to provide the **documents*** listed overleaf to apply for the visa. It normally takes 3 to 12 weeks. Once you obtain this visa, you are entitled to stay and study. If you study at universities' courses, you can work or do work placements up to 20 hours a week in the UK. If you study at publically funded further education colleges' courses, you can work up to 10 hours a week. You have no right to work or do work placements if you study any other institutions, such as language schools. You can also extend your visa in the UK if necessary.

- * Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number
- School Confirmation Letter
- Evidence of Maintenance (bank statement, passbook, etc) - £800 per month if you intend to study in London and £600 per month if you intend studying elsewhere.
- Proof of English Level – the minimum level of acceptance is set at CEFR B1 (Recognized English Test Results or English Level Statement issued by an Official Organization)
- Passport- valid for at least 6 months
- 2 Photographs

- Youth Mobile Scheme Visa (Tier 5)

If you are between 18 to 31 years old, and would like to visit the UK, gain work experience and study English, you can also apply for this type of visa. In order to do that, **you will have to visit UK Border Agency Application Centers in Japan and you will also be required finger prints records.** Before you visit the center, you will have to book an appointment online.

Please note that you will need to provide the **documents*** listed below to apply for the visa. It normally takes 3 to 12 weeks. Once you obtain this visa, you are allowed to stay in the UK maximum for two years, but you are not allowed switch into another type of visa.

Please be aware that Youth Mobile Scheme Visa is very popular and they have an annual limited number for the applicant to obtain this visa. Therefore, once it has been closed you are certainly not able to apply for it.

* Evidence of Maintenance (bank statement, passbook, etc) - £1600.00

Passport- valid for at least 6 months

2 Photographs

Useful Information for UK Visa Application

'ESVV, Tier 4' and 'Tier 5' (Youth Mobility Scheme) Application Form Link:

<http://apply.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/iapply.portal>

UK Border Agency: <http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk/en/>

British Embassy in Tokyo: <http://ukinjapan.fco.gov.uk/en>

British Council: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/japan.htm>

VFS Global: <http://www.vfs-uk-jp.com/japan/index.aspx>