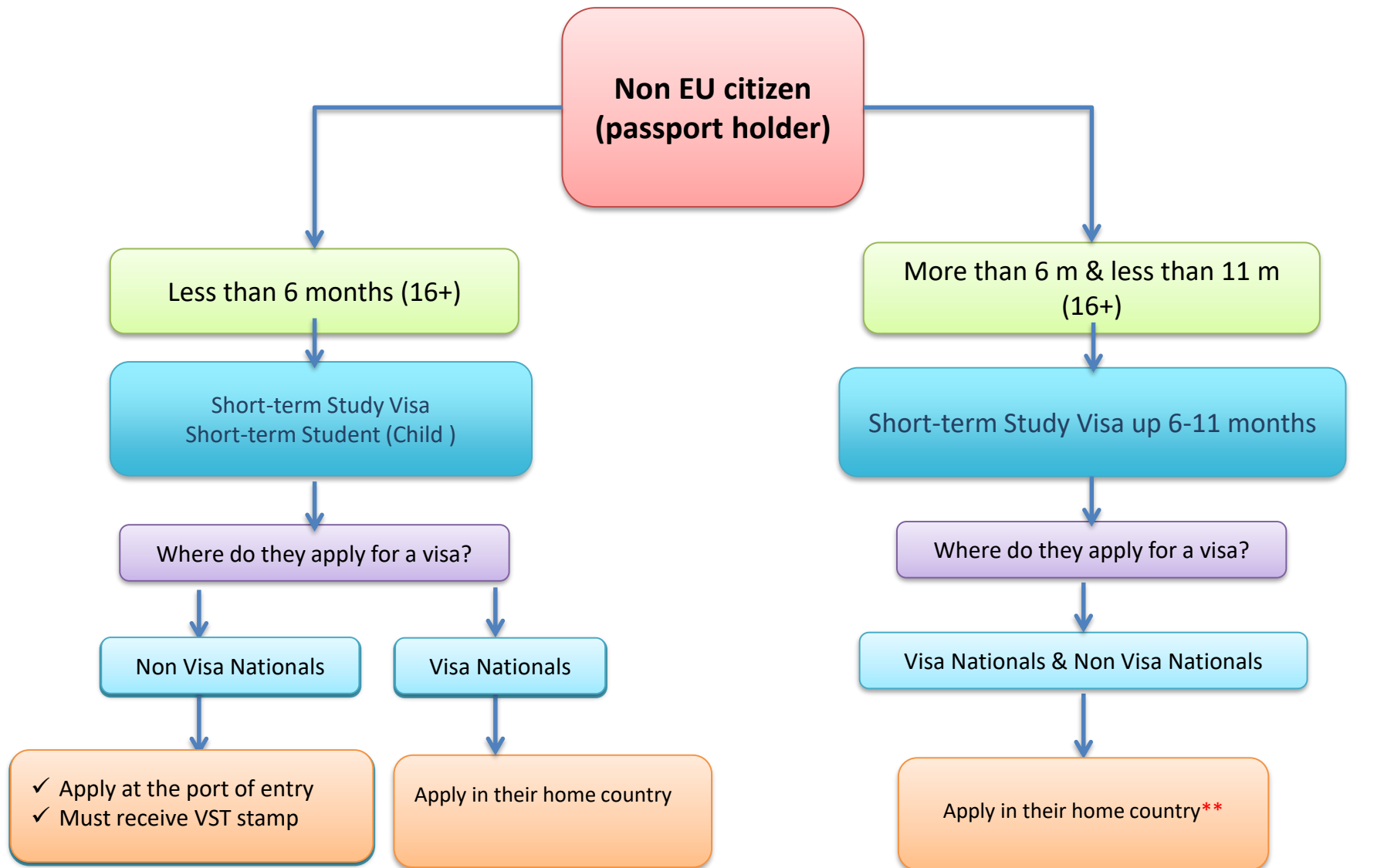




# UK & Ireland Visas

**Eligibility, Requirements and Application Process**  
**Updated August 2019**



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# Short-term Study Visas (STSV)

## for Visa Nationals

- ✓ 6 or 11 months in length
- ✓ Students must be 16+
- ✓ Suitable for all KI English Language Courses
  - ✓ Must apply in home country
  - ✓ Cannot be extended in UK
  - ✓ Proof of Funds is needed
- ✓ Must leave the UK 30 days after the end of the course
- ✓ If intending to extend MUST state this on application

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# STSV – How long can I stay in the UK?

You can stay in the UK for the length of your course.

You can stay an extra 30 days if your total stay in the UK does not exceed the length of your visa (6 or 11 months)

## **Example 1**

Your course is 5 months and 10 days. When your course ends, you can only stay for 20 more days.

## **Example 2**

Your course is 3 months. When your course ends, you can only stay for 30 more days.

**Very Important - the exception to this is if you state your intention to extend at time of application then you can stay until your visa expires**

# STS Application

- Apply online at [www.visa4uk.fco.gov.uk](http://www.visa4uk.fco.gov.uk)

**Select Visa Type**

Please select the correct visa category. When you select the visa category you want, we will ask you a series of questions to ensure you are applying for the correct visa.

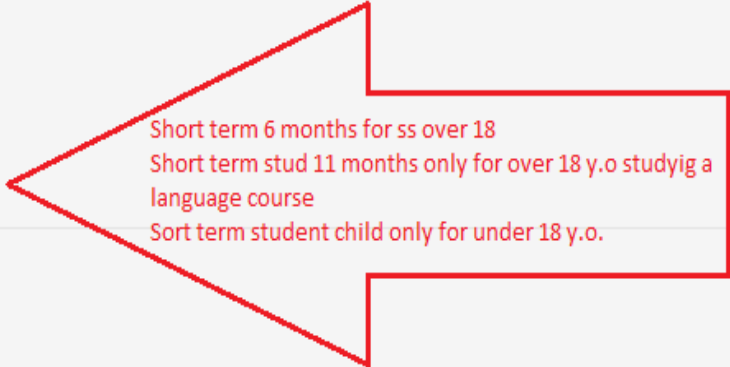
Reason for Visit  \*

Visa Type  \*

Visa Sub Type

**Visa Confirmation Q**

Once you have selected a Visa Sub Type, any confirmation questions will be displayed.



- Student - Channel Islands and Isle of Man
- Student Dependent
- Study - Short-term student 6 months
- Study - Short-term study 11 months - English language
- Study - Short-term student child 6 months

Short term 6 months for ss over 18  
Short term stud 11 months only for over 18 y.o studying a language course  
Sort term student child only for under 18 y.o.

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# STS Application

- **Check if a tuberculosis (TB) test is needed**

<https://www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa/overview;>

- **The fees are:**
  - **£97 for a 6 month STSV**
  - **£186 for an 11 month STSV + £150 IHS for 6-11 months visa**
- **Prepare required documents and take to Visa Application Centre**
- **Biometrics taken at VAC**
- **3 weeks to process**

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# Required Documents

- Letter of Acceptance
- Current passport
- One passport photo
- Financial evidence
- Travel and accommodation plans
- TB certificate (if applicable - check [www.gov.uk/tb-test-visa](http://www.gov.uk/tb-test-visa))

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# Finances

## Required finances:

- Course fees
- Living costs - £1015 outside London, £1300 inside London
- Flights to and from UK

## Acceptable evidence:

- 6 months' bank statements or pay slips
- Letter of sponsorship from government or company



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# Additional U18 Requirements

- Parent/legal guardian contact details
- If travelling alone:
  - Written parental consent letter Kaplan will provide template
  - UK address and details of the person they are living with and relationship
- If travelling with adult:
  - Adult must be named in visa application
  - Must enter UK with student



# Biometric Residence Permit



# Leave to Enter on Arrival For Non-Visa nationals only

- **Granted by Border Force Officer on arrival**
- **Can be a single stamp or 2 stamps**
- **Must have VST written on the stamp – student must ensure Kaplan offer documents are shown to the ECO**
- **Only up to 6 months for nationals of certain countries – [www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa](http://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa) 11 month visas must be applied for in home country**



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# E-Gates for Singapore, S Korea & Japan

From May 2019 above nationalities are able to use the eGates on arrival in the UK

However, if they are looking to enter as a **short term student for up to 6 months**, they still need to go to a desk in order to get a stamp in their passport

If they do not get the correct stamp they will be asked to leave the UK with-in 30 days and re-enter to obtain the correct endorsement

# Electronic Visa Waiver (EVW)

- Nationals of Kuwait, Qatar, UAE and Oman
- You can apply between 3 months and 48 hours before you travel to the UK
- Cost of £30.00
- Valid for 6 months
- Single entry
- Can be used in lieu of STS visa
- Cannot be extended or renewed

The image shows a sample Electronic Visa Waiver (EVW) form. At the top left is the UK Visas & Immigration logo. At the top right is a QR code and a barcode with the reference number GWFF033038293-02BB1E44F3099BATBDBE-7. The form title is "Electronic Visa Waiver" and the reference number is "EVW Reference Number (GWFF Number) GWFF033038293-02BB1E44F3099BATBDBE-7". Below the title is a small text block explaining the terms of use. The form is divided into several sections:

Family Name AL JABRI	Country and Port of Last Departure to UK OMAN Muscat - Seeb, MCT
Given Name BADAR SAIF HAMED	Departure Date and Time (Local Time) 10 Aug 2014 00:01
Sex Male	Flight/Train No./Ship Name BA72 British Airline
D.O.B. 01 Jan 1979	Arrival Port in UK London - Heathrow, LHR
Place and Country of Birth Bat OMAN	Arrival Date and Time in the UK 10 Aug 2014 06:40
Nationality OMAN	Signature (if asked for by UK Official)
Passport 02569330	CAT: +16 CODE
Passport Date of Issue/Expiry 30 Jan 2010 - 29 Jan 2020	For Official Use: Landing Conditions and Arrival Date

At the bottom of the form, there is a warning: "IF YOU BREAK UK LAWS YOU COULD FACE IMPRISONMENT AND REMOVAL" and a note: "Please leave reverse blank for official use".



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# Under 18s – Minor Documents

All UK institutions who teach children/minors must be especially careful to ensure that they act in the best interests of the child/minor when implementing or enforcing these measures. The obligations fall under the Children Act 2004 and the Borders, Citizenship and Immigration Act 2009”

- Parents must sign U18 consent form and other required documentation this must be received pre-arrival
- If a student has a medical condition this must be declared pre-arrival
- Medical Insurance must be purchased for all U18 (or show EHIC card)
- U18s must have an address when they arrive at the airport in the UK
- Parents must provide their 24 hour contact number in case of emergency
- U18's can only go into own accommodation with parental consent
  - If the U18 is travelling with adult: The adult must be named in visa application and must enter UK with student
  - Group Leaders should have gone through equivalent Police Checks in their home country and have an induction on their responsibilities
- All host family/Kaplan staff main carers have been DBS checked





# Irish Visa Information for KI Dublin

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# Republic of Ireland

- ✓ Ireland is not part of the Schengen visa agreement and UK visas cannot be used for travel to Ireland\*
- ✓ The British Irish Visa agreement allows for Chinese and Indian nationals to apply for either a UK visa or an Irish visa to visit both countries however, this cannot be used for study

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# Visa nationals

- ✓ Should apply for a visa at their nearest Irish Overseas

Diplomatic Mission before travelling

- ✓ If they travel to Ireland via the UK the UK Border Force will stamp their passport to present themselves to the Garde within 1 month of arrival in Ireland, if the student travels to Ireland directly they will be granted entry on arrival to register.

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# Non Visa Nationals

- \* C Study Visit Visa for courses less than 90 days – Cannot be extended in Ireland and student cannot work
- \* D Study Visa for courses more than 90 days – Can be extended in Ireland and students are permitted to work
- If you are a non-visa national you will need to present all documents for inspection to the Immigration staff at the airport. You will receive a stamp at the airport for a maximum of 3 months as a short term visitor.
- If you decide to add more to the duration of your studies then you will need to go to the GNIB and extend your visa. If your intention is to study for more than 3 months then you must register with the Garde on arrival.

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# Required Documents

- Application form
- Visa letter, Booking confirmation and official receipt from KIC Dublin
- 2 passport sized photographs (signed on reverse)
- Visa fee – GNIB card costs €300 and Single journey visa €60 and Multiple journey visa €100
- Passport with at least 6 months validity remaining after departing from Ireland
- Copies of expired passport/s
- Evidence of any previous visa refusals
- Explanation of any gaps in education
- Confirmation of intention to return home at the end of the course (work contract, marriage certificate, property ownership documents)

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# Finances

- Bank statements\* of your and/or your sponsor's bank account(s) covering a 6 month period prior to your visa application and showing sufficient funds to cover your costs
- Evidence of immediate access to at least €7,000 funds for courses over 6 months (estimated cost of living for 1 academic year)
- Evidence of immediate access to at least €500 per month/€3,000 for courses less than 6 months in duration
- Private Medical insurance or Kaplan Insurance

Bank statements and letters must show the logo, name, address of branch where account is held, landline number, email address (where available) and website details to be accepted as evidence in a visa application.

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# Work rights

- Some students are allowed to take up casual employment whilst studying
- Students studying 3 months or less work is prohibited
- Studies should be the primary reason for being in Dublin
- Can work 20 hours per week term time and 40 hours in holidays
- The holidays are set by the immigration authorities and are:
  - ❖ 15<sup>th</sup> December to 15<sup>th</sup> January Christmas Break
  - ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> August Summer Break

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# 25 Week Study + Holiday

- SS can attend a 25 week English language course and are allowed to remain in Ireland up to 8 months
- \* 25 weeks course must be the same course from beginning to end
- \* Holidays cannot exceed 1/3 of the total weeks elapsed. For example, students will need to arrive 6 week before the Christmas break in order to take the 2 week holiday then.
- \* Holidays to be agreed upon at the beginning of the course.
- \* All students will need to complete IELTS, FCE or CAE at the end of their course. All long –term courses will include exam preparation and the Exam Fee must be added to Class at the time of booking.
- \* The attendance requirement is now 85%
- \* Extensions are possible under the new rules. So although 8 months is the length of single visa permission, students will be able to extend up to 8 months at the end of their courses.



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# Additional U18 Requirements

- If the student is Under 18 and a Visa National (requires Visa before travelling) should apply for a Child Visitor Visa and this is being issued to identify whether the minor holding the visa is travelling in the company of their parent/guardian or unaccompanied.
- The holder of an Irish '**Visa Accompanied**' visa must travel with the person named on their visa when they present at a port of entry to Ireland.
- In addition to the documents that all applicants must submit students under the age of 18 must also submit the following:
  - ✓ Birth certificate
  - ✓ Written and signed letter of consent from both parents/legal guardians
  - ✓ Copies of the consenting parents/legal guardians passport or identity cards which clearly show their signatures
  - ✓ If the student travels with one parent/legal guardian they must submit a letter from the other parent/legal guardian giving their consent to the student travelling
  - ✓ Where one parent has custody a court order bestowing sole custody of the child on the parent concerned must be submitted
- If the student is not a visa national they must have these documents in their possession when they present to immigration officials at the port of entry to Ireland.

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# Re-entry Visa

- If a student is a Visa National and decides to travel outside of Ireland he/she has to apply for a re-entry Visa at the GNIB BEFORE travelling to Ireland

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Questions ???????

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