CAS & Visa Overview

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The Visa Compliance Team

The Visa Compliance Team is here to provide you full support throughout your CAS (Certificate of Acceptance for Studies) & UK visa application processes and during your studies at Northeastern University London.

The Visa Compliance Team will guide you throughout the CAS and visa process to ensure that you get your Student Visa without any challenges.

Please note that we don't issue your visa (that lies with the UK Government), but we do act as your visa sponsor.

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Glossary

Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS)
The CAS is an electronic reference document that Northeastern University London produces and is essential for your student visa application. This document contains all information about you and your programme of study and advises the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) governmental department that NU London is sponsoring your visa for the duration of your programme of study.

UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI)
UK Visas and Immigration is responsible for the United Kingdom’s immigration system.

Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS)
Mandatory levy which allows students to access the UK’s some areas of the National Health Service (NHS) while they are in the UK.

Biometrics
Biometrics is the measurement of a person’s features, such as fingerprint, iris patterns, or facial features that can be used to identify an individual.

Entry Clearance and Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) visa
Your visa will come in two parts. One is the Entry Clearance visa which grants you 90 days to enter the UK. Once you are in the UK you will collect your BRP visa card from NU London at enrolment. BRP Card will be your visa for the duration of your studies in the UK.
CAS & Visa Process

You will not have access to your passport during this stage.
Documents Required for CAS
(Upload to CAS Shield)

- A copy of your valid passport
  (your passport must be valid between the time you submitted your visa application to the time of your arrival in the UK)
- Official final academic transcript/certificate
- English Language Qualification/Test (if you are not a majority English speaking national)
- A current bank statement or letter
- Your birth certificate (if you are using your parent’s bank statement)
- A letter of consent from your parent (if you are using your parent’s bank statement)
- Any previous UK Student Visas
- If any of documentation is not entirely in English, you need to provide the official translation, meeting UKVI requirements
- Tuberculosis Test from a UKVI approved clinic (if required)
How much money will I need to show?

You must have enough money in your bank account to show that you can cover both living expenses and tuition fees. The full amount needs to be in your bank account for at least 28 consecutive days; it cannot fall below the required amount even just for one day during this period.

**UKVI Mandated Living Cost (£12,006) + The First Year of Your Tuition Fee - Deposit Paid = Required Amount**

1. **UKVI Living Cost**: This is a mandatory amount set by the UKVI. For a student studying in London, it is a total of £12,006.

2. **First Year Tuition Fee**: This is the first-year tuition fee as stated on your offer. Tuition for London Scholars = £50,300

3. **Any deposit or fees already paid to NU London/Boston are deducted from the fee amount.**

**Note**: Please visit oanda.com/currency-converter for an UKVI approved currency converter. As of today USD 1,000.00, = £791.99
How much money will I need to show?

Example

UKVI Mandated Living Cost (£12,006) + The First Year of Your Tuition Fee - Deposit Paid = Required Amount

£12,006 (Living Cost) + £50,300 (LS Tuition Fees) = £62,306

£62,306 - £959 (Deposit) = £61,347 EXAMPLE Required Amount
Bank Statements

You must provide a bank statement showing an account which is in your or your parent’s name, that has held the required amount of money in for a minimum of 28 consecutive days. This bank statement must not be older than one month when submitting your visa application.

This money cannot be in bonds, shares, loans, or overdrafts. Investment accounts must be immediately accessible. **A business or trust account (even if the trust is in your name) is not acceptable.**

Your bank statements must show:

- your name or your parent’s/legal guardian’s name
- the account number
- the financial institution’s name and logo
- the amount of money available (and all transactions made during the 28-day period)
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*You will need to check with your provider if NU London is an acceptable institution under their T & Cs*
Student Visa Application Process

Provide all of the required documents for CAS

NU London checks if your documents meet the UKVI Immigration Rules and sends you a CAS via email

You complete your online visa application and pay the application fee (£363) and IHS (£470 per annual).

You arrive in the UK

Your passport with your student visa should arrive back to you in approximately 3 weeks from date your Biometrics appointment (Non-EU nationals only)

Book you biometrics appointment, and attend your biometrics appointment with your nearest VAC or VFS & provide them your passport/documents (Non-EU nationals only)

Attend enrolment. If you are a non-EU national and choose to collect your BRP card in NU London, you will be able to collect your BRP card at the enrolment.

Start your studies at NU London

Disclaimer: The UK visa processing time may vary depending on the time of your Biometric Appointment, as well as the capacity of the UK Home Office.

EU Nationals are able to use ‘UK Immigration: ID Check’ app to verify their identity. Therefore, they usually don’t need to attend the biometric appointment.
Timeline

March–June

Provide CAS Documentation

7 July

Document Deadline
(excluding A-Level candidates)

7 August

CAS Issuance Deadline

21 August for A-level candidates

End of August

You should have received your visa
How to Contact your Visa Compliance Officer

Once you receive an invite to create a CAS Shield account you will be assigned a dedicated Visa Compliance Officer.

You can send any questions through the messaging function in your CAS Shield account.

If you would like to have a zoom meeting with your VCO, please request this via the messaging function and we will arrange the video call.
If you have a question relating to your individual situation, please contact the Visa Team - visa@nulondon.ac.uk