Your Visa Documents Explained

If you are an international student who is coming to Northeastern University London to study a programme that is longer than 6 months, you must apply for a Student Visa before coming to the UK.

If you need a Student Visa to study at Northeastern University London, you will need to obtain a Confirmation of Acceptance for Study (CAS) in order to apply for your visa.

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

In order to obtain a CAS from Northeastern University London, you must provide supporting documents to the Visa Team via our CAS Shield System. Once you have provided us with the required documentation and we are satisfied that they meet UKVI and Northeastern University London requirements we will issue you with the CAS document.

You can find further information relating to Student Visas and Immigration here.

Your Immigration History

In order to offer you a place, we need to ensure you are eligible to apply for a Student Visa. We need to check your academic progression and the length of your previous visas in line with UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) requirements regarding academic progression and study time limits. You will be asked to provide this information in our CAS Shield system.

Declaration of criminal convictions and penalties

All offer holders who require a Student Visa to study in the UK are required to declare all criminal convictions, including traffic offences or pending court cases that have been obtained in any country and to provide details. You will be asked to provide this information in our CAS Shield system.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of the required information confidentially, please contact a member of the Visa Team (visa@nulondon.ac.uk)

Valid Passport plus any previous UK visas

You must provide a copy of your current valid passport. Your passport must be valid at time of your programme’s enrolment.

You also need to provide any previous UK visas. If your current UK visa (vignette) is in an expired passport, then you will also need to submit your expired passport. If you do have a UK residence permit (BRP card), then please also submit a copy of this.

Any previous UK CAS letters

If you previously studied in the UK and were issued a CAS letter, then please also submit your previous CAS letter(s).

Bank statements

Any money you use for maintenance (living expenses and tuition fees) needs to be in your or your parent’s account for a minimum of 28 consecutive days. Your bank statement must not be older than
one month prior to submitting your visa application. **This money cannot be in bonds, shares, loans, investments or overdrafts.**

If the bank statement you are using is under your parent’s names then you will also need to send us a copy of your birth certificate and a parent’s consent letter.

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)

**How much money will I need to show (living expenses + tuition fees)?**

You must have enough money in your bank account to show that you can cover both living expenses for your first year and tuition fees for your first year. As outlined above, 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. Please also take any possible currency fluctuations into account.

**Living expenses:** The amount set by the UKVI for a student studying in London is £1,334 per month. You will need to show a minimum of 9 months of living expenses, so a total of £12,006.

**First-year tuition fees:** Please see your offer letter for the amount of tuition fee due. Any deposit, scholarship amount or fees already paid towards your tuition fees will be included on your CAS statement. This will reduce the total amount you need to show in your bank statement. So, for example, if you have paid our international deposit payment, the amount that you need to have available for tuition fees in your bank statement will be reduced by that pre-paid amount.

**Evidence of official financial sponsorship or government sponsorship**

If you are financially sponsored during your studies you will need to provide a stamped letter from your official sponsor confirming your sponsorship.

If your sponsor covers all of your fees and living expenses, then you will not be required to submit a bank statement. In all other cases, you will be required to submit a bank statement.

You must provide us with a letter of confirmation from your official financial sponsor on letter-headed paper which must have the official stamp of that organisation on it.

The letter must show all of the following information:
- your name
- the name and contact details of your official financial sponsor
- the date of the letter
- the length of your sponsorship and
- the amount of money the sponsor is giving to you or a statement that your official financial sponsor will cover all of your fees and living costs

**Valid Tuberculosis (TB) Certificate**

You will need to have a tuberculosis (TB) test if you are coming to the UK for more than 6 months and are resident in any of these listed countries. You must be tested at a clinic that the UKVI has approved.
All qualifications detailed in your offer letter
You must provide us with copies of any final certificates and transcripts you receive outlining the qualifications we detailed in your offer letter. For example, this could be your IB Diploma, your A-level certificates, your High School certificate, your Bachelor’s degree etc.

Your certificate or transcript must clearly show the following information:
- your name
- the title of the award or course
- the date of the award
- the name of the academic/awarding institution

Please note that we cannot accept provisional certificates.

If you are taking A-levels and have applied to Northeastern University London via UCAS, then we will receive your results automatically via UCAS. You will not need to send anything separately to us but make sure you have your certificate ready for your visa appointment.

If you are taking the International Baccalaureate (IB), then please make sure to nominate us via the IBO as we then receive your qualification directly. You will not need to send anything separately to us but make sure you have your certificate ready for your visa appointment.

English language test
You will need to provide us with an approved English language test if this was specified in your offer letter. For a list of accepted English language tests, please see here.

Translation requirement
If your documents are not in English they must be fully translated into English by an official translator and contain all of the following information:
- Details of the translator/translation company's credentials
- Confirmation that it is an accurate translation of the original document
- The translator/translation company's contact details
- The date of the translation
- The original signature of the translator or an authorised official of the translation company