



Immigration Guidance

Extending your Tier 4 visa in the UK



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For students who already have a visa for the UK, and wish to extend it from inside the UK.



When should I apply?

Start preparing around 3 months before your visa expiry date.

This gives you time to arrange the original documentation you need, and to make the application in plenty of time before the expiry date.

If your current student visa was issued for studying at another University or educational institution, you **must** apply for a new Tier 4 visa before you can start your studies at the University of Edinburgh.

If you are not sure, check your current Tier 4 visa. It must contain the University of Edinburgh's sponsor licence number (23CYGN5K3) for you to be able to study here.

How to apply

First, check that you are eligible to make a Tier 4 application inside the UK. See our website for more details: [edin.ac/21pTRLR](https://www.edin.ac.uk/21pTRLR)

To make an application to extend your visa in the UK, you must complete the relevant Tier 4 Student online application form. You can find a link to the form on the Home Office website:

visas-immigration.service.gov.uk/product/tier-4-student

Scoring the points

To successfully apply for a Tier 4 General visa, you must score 40 out of 40 available points.

Points	What you get points for	Evidence required
30	Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS)	<p>A CAS number issued by the University of Edinburgh.</p> <p>You will receive this from Student Administration and it will be sent to your MyEd Account. For further information on requesting a CAS, please see here:</p> <p>edin.ac/1IZfcnJ</p> <p>A CAS number can only be used once and is valid for 6 months.</p>

Other documents	<p>If you are applying for a visa for a course for the first time: your CAS will be issued on the basis that the University used a previous qualification to assess that you are suitable to take the course.</p> <p>This qualification will be noted on your CAS under 'evidence used to obtain offer'. You must include any such ORIGINAL degree certificate, qualification or transcript.</p> <p>If you are applying for an extension of a student visa which was issued for the same course: your CAS will normally be issued on the basis that the University has used your progress and satisfactory attendance to assess your suitability to continue the course.</p> <p>In such a case, you do not need to include additional documents for the 30 points, unless you need ATAS clearance.</p> <p>Always check your CAS. It will tell you what documents are needed.</p>
ATAS clearance	<p>If your course requires ATAS clearance, you must provide a print out of this certificate.</p> <p>Note that you must apply for a new ATAS certificate every time you extend your visa for the same course. You can find information about ATAS online:</p> <p>www.gov.uk/academic-technology-approval-scheme</p>

10	Maintenance (funds) Requirement	<p>You will need to demonstrate your ability to fund your tuition fees for the academic year plus a set amount for your living costs (maintenance).</p> <p>If you are funding your studies personally and you do not receive official sponsorship or an educational loan, then this money needs to be held in your bank account for at least 28 days before submitting your visa application.</p> <p>All documents you provide to demonstrate your maintenance funds must be ORIGINAL. We recommend that you use a UK bank account for the purpose of showing funds for your visa application. This will make things easier for you when it comes to making the application as you will not have to get financial documents sent from another country.</p> <p>Information about financial requirements and evidence can be found online:</p> <p>www.ukcisa.org.uk</p>
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Other documents required

All documents you provide must be the originals. In addition to the documents related to your points scoring evidence, you must send:

- Your current passport and any passport(s) you have used since first arriving in the UK for studies;
- Your police registration certificate (if applicable - make sure it is up to date!);
- Two recent passport photographs according to the Home Office photo guidance rules;
- Your UK Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) Card - if you have one;
- Written permission to extend your stay in the UK if you have been financially sponsored in the last 12 months by an international government or international organisation.

For more information:

www.ed.ac.uk/immigration



How to get help

The International Student Advisory Service offers bookable drop-in sessions and visa application checks. We can provide professional advice, answer your questions in detail, and fully check your online Tier 4 application form and supporting documents before you submit them to the Home Office. You can find further immigration guidance, and information about how we can help, on our website:

www.ed.ac.uk/immigration

You can also contact the International Student Advisory Service by email at **visahelp@ed.ac.uk**, or in person at 33 Buccleuch Place.

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