

Student Visa for Overseas Students

September 2021 Entry

This is an overview of information relating to student visas. Please refer to the government website for the full guidance.

Do I need a Student Visa?

From 1 January 2021 there will be a new immigration system in the UK – the Tier 4 visa has been replaced by the **Student Visa**. EU, EEA (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), Swiss and International nationals will require a visa to study in the UK unless you are eligible for the EU Settlement Scheme.

Central School of Ballet is a Licensed Sponsor for Student visas and will support you through the process if you are offered a place on one of our courses.

Here at the Central School of Ballet, we are proud to have students from all over the world study with us. If you are an overseas student, it is likely you will be required to obtain a Student Visa to commence your training at the Central School of Ballet, as per our Course Summary which you can find [here](#).

To check if you are required to obtain a visa to study at the Central School of Ballet, please [visit here](#).

You can apply for a Student visa to study in the UK if you're 16 or over at the time you begin your training and you:

- have been offered a place on a course by a licensed student sponsor
- have enough money to support yourself and pay for your course
- can speak, read, write and understand English
- have consent from your parents or guardians, if you're 16 or 17 - you'll need evidence of this when you apply

Approved English Language Qualifications

To train with us, you must be able to demonstrate the required level of English language ability.

Please note, you must obtain the required English language test score before you can commence your visa application.

There are many tests that are used to establish someone's level of English. The International English Language Testing Scheme (IELTS) is the standard and most commonly used test for entry.

If you are from a country where the first language is English, you will not be required to sit an IELTS exam.

Foundation Degree (Years 1 and 2)

For overseas students where English is not their first language, applicants are required to achieve a minimum B1 Level in the IELTS exam, reaching a 4.0 score in each module band, in an approved English language examination such as International English Language Testing System

(IELTS), in time to commence their visa application in advance of the course.

BA (Hons) Degree (Year 3)

For overseas students where English is not their first language, applicants are required to achieve a minimum B2 Level, reaching a 5.5 score in each module band, in an approved English language examination such as International English Language Testing System (IELTS), in time to commence their visa application in advance of the course.

We strongly encourage successful applicants to sit an IELTS exam at their earliest convenience. To book an IELTS exam, [please click here](#).

Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS)

What is a CAS? CAS stands for 'Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies'. The CAS is an electronic record that Central School of Ballet produces for the Home Office and it is required for your Student visa application. You will need this information to make your Student visa application.

In order for us to provide you with your CAS, you will need to provide the Senior School Manager with a copy of your passport and a copy of your IELTS exam certificate.

Once you have accepted your place, the School will support your visa application; however, all conditions of entry must have been met before Central School of Ballet will issue a Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS).

What documents do I need to apply for a Student Visa?

When you apply for your Student visa you must provide:

- a current passport or other valid travel documentation
- a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) from your course provider

You may also need to provide:

- proof you have enough money to support yourself and pay for your course - this will vary depending on your circumstances.
- proof of parental or other legal guardian consent if you're under 18
- proof of your relationship to your parent or guardian if you're under 18
- your [tuberculosis test results \(for some countries only\)](#)
- written consent for your application from your financial sponsor if you've received sponsorship for your course fees and living costs in the last 12 months

How much does a Student Visa cost?

Students will be required to independently cover the cost of the visa which is **£348.00** if you are applying from outside of the UK.

As well as the cost of the visa itself, the student will be expected to cover any other costs that form part of the visa process, including but not limited to, the IELTS Exam (English Language Exam) and the Health surcharge. For more information on the 'Student Visa' and the costs, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa>

Attendance

UKVI rules state that a Student visa sponsor (Central School of Ballet) must report to the Home Office a Student visa student who it withdraws as a result of failing to attend their course without

being granted authorised absence, and a decision is taken to withdraw sponsorship. As such your visa status is dependent on your continued full-time study on your course. This means you must maintain attendance on your course (whether in person or online), at all times and meet any minimum attendance requirements.

Students under the age of 18

A student aged 16 or 17 has the legal right to live independently in the UK and may make their own accommodation arrangements. However, in line with the government guidance, when a 16- or 17-year-old applies for a visa under the Student route they must have their parents' permission both to travel to the UK and to live independently.

Students under the age of 18 years old will be required to provide Central School of Ballet with a letter from their parent / guardian granting the student permission to live and travel independently.

More information will be provided by the Senior School Manager in due course.

How do I apply for a Student Visa?

To apply for a visa from outside of the UK, you can [apply here](#).

Need help?

Free student immigration advice and very helpful information sheets are available at the [UKCISA website](#). Their advice line is open 1pm-4pm GMT: +44 (0)20 7107 9922

The School can assist you with your Student visa application and will provide further information and guidance if you are offered a place at the School.

Should you have any questions and wish to speak to someone at the Central School of Ballet regarding your Student Visa, please contact our Senior School Manager, Josh Yeardley at josh.yeardley@csbschool.co.uk or by calling 0207 520 2065

The document was last updated as of 1st April 2021, all statutory guidance can be subject to change and we recommend you always follow the government website for the most up to date guidance and information, which [you can find here](#).

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