

Do I need a Student Visa?

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. If you are an international student, it is likely you will be required to obtain a Student Visa to commence your training at the Central School of Ballet.

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.

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

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

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 (see below)

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

What is a Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS)

The CAS is an electronic record that Central School of Ballet produces for the Home Office required for your Student visa application.

In order for us to provide you with your CAS, you will need to provide the Senior School Manager with some information including:

- Personal details including age, nationality, country of Residence
- Passport No, and a copy of your passport
- information regarding previous/current UK visas where relevant
- For under 18s, parent or Legal Guardian details with their written permission for their child's independent travel to the UK, their reception and living arrangements ('parental consent letter')

- a copy of your IELTS (International English Language Testing System) exam certificate demonstrating you have the required level of English language ability.

How do I get an IELTS exam certificate?

The International English Language Testing Scheme (IELTS) is the standard and most commonly used test of students' English language ability.

International students applying to the Foundation Degree (Years 1 and 2) where English is not their first language, are required to achieve a minimum B1 Level in the IELTS exam, reaching a 4.0 score in each module band. For those applying for the BA (Hons) Degree (Year 3), applicants are required to achieve a minimum B2 Level, reaching a 5.5 score in each module band, in time to commence their visa application in advance of the course.

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

We recommend successful applicants to sit an IELTS exam as soon as possible. To book an IELTS exam, [please click here](#).

Parental consent for 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, they must have their parents' permission both to travel to the UK and to live independently.

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

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>

Required 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) always and meet any minimum attendance requirements.

Please refer to Central School of Ballet's [Academic Engagement Policy](#) and [Student Visa Compliance Policy](#) for more information. These documents can be found on our Policies and Procedures page on the website.

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