

## STUDENT VISA GUIDE

Once you have been successfully offered a place at Central School of Ballet, and you live in a non-UK country, it is likely you will need to apply for a Student Visa before the course starts.

Below is a step-by-step guide to the process of applying for a UK Student visa and what you will need to support your application.

### Check if you need to apply for a UK Student visa

Please click [HERE](#) to see whether you need a UK Student visa to study at Central School of Ballet.

#### Step 1

You can apply for a Student Visa to study in the UK if you:

- are 16 or over at the time you begin your course;
- have been offered a place on a course by a licensed student sponsor (Central School of Ballet)
- have enough money to pay for your course and support yourself
- can speak, read, write and understand English
- have consent from your parents or guardians, if you're 16 or 17

### Prove your knowledge of English with an IELTS (International English Language Testing System) for Academic Exam

IELTS is a standardised test used to assess non-native speakers' ability to communicate in English for academic purposes. International students applying to Central, where English is not their first language, are required to sit an IELTS for Academic Exam test.

#### Step 2

For the Foundation Degree (Years 1 and 2), you must achieve a minimum B1 Level in the IELTS for Academic Exam, reaching a 4.0 score in each module band. 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.

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

We recommend successful applicants to sit an IELTS for Academic Exam as soon as possible. To book an IELTS for Academic Exam, please click [HERE](#).

### Issuing a Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS)

#### Step 3

A CAS is a unique electronic document produced by Central School of Ballet to confirm to UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) that you are enrolling on a course within the UK.

The Admissions team will need the below information/documents:

- Personal details (age, nationality, current country of residence)
- Passport (a copy which includes your unique passport number)
- Information of previous/current UK visas (if relevant)

- A Parental Consent Letter for under 18s. This must include parent/legal guardian details and written permission for your child's independent travel to the UK and living/care arrangements. A student aged 16 or 17 has legal right to live independently in the UK and can make their own accommodation arrangements. However, in line with government guidance, parents must give permission for their child to both to travel to the UK and to live independently.
- A copy of an IELTS exam certificate demonstrating achievement of the required level of English language ability (see above).

#### Step 4 Prepare your documents for the UK Student Visa Application

You must prepare the following documents before applying for a UK Student Visa:

- a current passport or other valid travel documentation
- a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS)
- proof you have the finances 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
- written consent from your financial sponsor if you've received sponsorship for your course fees and living costs in the last 12 months
- your tuberculosis test results (for some countries only)

#### Step 5 Calculate the final cost for a Student Visa

Costs (as of September 2025) include:

- **Visa Application Fee:** The basic fee for a Student Visa application is £524.
- **Immigration Healthcare Surcharge (IHS):** As you will be studying in the UK for more than six months, you must pay this fee as part of your application to use the UK's National Health Service (NHS). The current rate is £776 per year of your visa. For Year 1 and 2, you will need to pay 2 years up front.
- **Biometric Enrolment Fee:** If you need to attend an appointment for your biometrics (fingerprints and photo), there may be an additional charge.
- **Priority/Super Priority Services (optional):** You can pay extra for faster processing. A priority service costs an additional £500, and a super priority service costs an additional £1000.

Do note the above costs may change by the time you apply.

#### Step 6 Apply for your Visa and wait for approval from UKVI before arriving in the UK

UKVI conduct rigorous checks during the visa application process, so it is important that you have all the documents you need and that they are correct and valid for your application. You may be contacted by UKVI for further information so please check your email regularly and your junk/spam folder.

If your application is successful, you'll get a confirmation email and an eVisa. An eVisa is an online record of your immigration status. For access to your eVisa, you will need to set up your UKVI account. For more information, click [HERE](#).

**Additional Notes:**

During your time of study, UKVI rules state that a Student Visa sponsor (Central School of Ballet) must report to the Home Office if a Student Visa student 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.

Free student immigration advice is available on the [UKCISA website](#). Their advice line is open 1pm-4pm GMT: +44 (0)20 7107 9922

**For further information and guidance, please check the [Study in the UK on a Student visa](#) on the UK Government website.**