AIMS Education UK Student Visa Guide 2025

Your Trusted Partner from Kochi to the UK

Why Choose the UK for Your Higher Studies?

The UK is home to world-renowned universities and cutting-edge research facilities. Whether you're pursuing business, engineering, healthcare, arts, or AI, a UK degree opens global doors.

Here's what makes the UK a top destination for Indian students:

- Globally recognized degrees
- Shorter course durations (1-year PG, 3-year UG)
- 2-year post-study work visa (PSW)
- A multicultural and vibrant student life
- Opportunities for innovation, research & career growth
- Part-time jobs during studies to support your living

UK Student Visa Requirements – Step-by-Step

To apply for a UK Student Visa, you'll need:

Course Offer (CAS):

A Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) from a licensed UK university

Financial Proof:

Funds to cover tuition + living expenses

- London: Approx. £1,483/month (for 9 months)
- Outside London: Approx. £1,164/month (for 9 months)

English Language Proficiency:

Usually IELTS, PTE, or Duolingo accepted

- UG: IELTS 6.0 (no band < 5.5)
- PG: IELTS 6.5 (no band < 6.0)
 (Some universities offer waivers based on 12th English marks)

Parental Consent (if under 18)

Tuberculosis Test (for Indian nationals)

Documents Checklist for UK Student Visa

- Valid passport
- CAS and supporting documents
- Proof of finances (bank statements, loan sanction letters)
- Passport-size photographs
- TB test certificate
- Academic transcripts and certificates
- English test scores
- ATAS certificate (for some STEM courses)
- Parental consent letter (if under 18)
- Translations of non-English documents

Visa Fees and Payment Options

• IHS fee: £1164

• UK Student Visa Fee: £510

- Payment Modes:
 - o Online (MasterCard/Visa)
 - o Cash/DD at VFS or Standard Chartered branches

How to Apply for a UK Student Visa

☐ Apply online at: www.gov.uk/student-visa
Application opens 6 months before course start date
Book a biometric appointment for your BRP (Biometric Residence Permit)

How We Help You

At AIMS Education Kochi, we make your UK dreams real. Here's how:

- University Selection
- Scholarship Guidance (Up to ₹7 Lakh)
- IELTS/PTE Coaching Support
- 100% Visa Application Assistance (Free!)
- Education Loan Support
- Part-Time Job & Career Guidance

- Pre-departure Briefings & Post-Arrival Support
- Office in the UK for Student Assistance

Can You Work While Studying?

Yes!

- Up to 20 hours/week during term
- Full-time during holidays
- Part-time jobs in hospitality, retail, campus, or even internships in your field

Pro Tips from AIMS Experts

Apply early - 6 months in advance Double-check if your university is a licensed sponsor Have all documents ready before visa appointment Don't delay your TB test or financial proof collection Keep copies of everything you submit

English Requirements Recap

Level	IELTS Band	Alternatives
UG	6.0 (no band < 5.5)	PTE / Duolingo / 12th English (60%+)
PG	6.5 (no band < 6.0)	MOI (for select universities)

When to Arrive in the UK?

- If your course is 6 months or less: Arrive up to 1 week before your start date
- If your course is longer than 6 months: Arrive up to 1 month before

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: How much money do I need to show?

A: Tuition fee + £1,483/month (London) or £1,136/month (Outside London) for 9 months

Q: When can I apply?

A: Up to 6 months before your course begins

Q: How long does the visa take?

A: 3-4 weeks on average. Start early!

Q: Can I switch courses after arrival?

A: Only under specific conditions and with approval – always check with your university first

Q: Can I bring dependents?

A: Only certain PG programs allow dependents – speak to us for details

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