

# FAQ FILE CP COMMUNITY

## GENERAL QUESTIONS

### Who else is going to (insert school name)?

You can check the community membership form to find who is going to the same Uni as you. The link can be found in the group chat

## VISA PROCESS AND FEES

### How do I book my tuberculosis test?

You will have to book an appointment via a phone call. Please refer to the Google drive document title "TB location centres and numbers" for the phone numbers.

### How do I access the passenger tracing form?

Visit this link to download it, you must fill it 48 hrs before your intended flight  
<https://www.gov.uk/provide-journey-contact-details-before-travel-uk>

### What is form A?

Form A is an application form to request for foreign currency from the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) by Nigerians living in the country to make payments for services rendered by institutions abroad.

### Can I pay my tuition Fees using Form A? IF Yes, how long does a Form a Normally take on an Average

Yes, you can. It is not fixed; it depends on the bank and availability of foreign currency. Usually between 2-7 days

### What are the best banks to use when paying school fees with form A?

Stanbic IBTC and keystone have good reviews

### What are the other Options other than Form A to pay school fees?

You can pay your school fees with a Domiciliary (dollar) account using Western Union. Or via Bank transfer if you have someone in the UK.

### How can I get Partial Scholarships to the UK Universities?

Check on your university's website, they will list all scholarships available. Some of these you will need to apply for separately and others are automatic based on your nationality. If

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you cannot find it on the website, email the school asking them what scholarship and discount opportunities are available for international students and apply

### **Is the UK a viable option for International Students looking to Stay Back?**

The UK has announced a post study work visa for international students in the UK which will allow international students to stay back in the UK for two years after their studies. As at the time of creating this document, the full application process has not been released. But the visa is applicable to international students graduating in summer of 2021 and beyond. See more details on this link: <https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/information--advice/working/working-after-studies#graduate-route-overview>

### **Can I pay the rest of My tuition fees with part time jobs?**

With the 20hr work limit for international students during term time this might be difficult but not impossible. For further calculations and break down, see this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICNn0aJRF-I&t=149s>

### **What can I do when my visa is delayed?**

Be sure you have waiting for the number of days for your visa type. For example, if you apply for a standard visa, wait patiently for 15 working days, if it's exceeded then you can contact UKVI.

Alternatively, if your classes are going to start soon, inform your school of the delay. Some universities can contact the Visa office on your behalf and ask why it is taking so long. If your classes have started and your Visa hasn't arrived yet, you might be able to attend online classes in the meantime. If you can't access classes yet, once again, email your course department or admissions team.

Alternatively, check out how to track your visa on this link <https://blog.chiderapeters.com/2020/09/15/how-to-track-your-uk-tier-4-visa-application-2020/>

### **How long does it take for Courier Service to deliver your visa?**

This is dependent on the distance. But generally, between 3-7 days. you can track your package.

### **Is it advisable to use Courier Service?**

It depends on your proximity to the application centre. If you stay far away, then yes you might want to use the courier service as it's cheaper and will save you the stress of having to travel back to collect your visa.

### **How do I get a Visa for dependents?**

It's basically the same process as yours. So, if you are the main applicant, apply together with your dependents. If you want to split it, then you must write and invite them, they will use your invitation letter and your GWF number to apply for their visa. However, you will have to make provision for the maintenance fee and IHS fee regardless.

### **Do I have to submit my dependents application with mine or they can submit later?**

It is entirely up to you; you can apply together or apply differently. But if you are financially able to then you should as you have a higher chance of getting it at all at once if you apply together

### **How do I calculate the IHS Fee?**

Using the calculator on the UK government website. Here's the link:  
<https://www.immigration-health-surcharge.service.gov.uk/checker/type>

### **How can I pay my IHS and Visa Fee?**

Cost effective way so far is to use Paga or Paga Verve but you can also pay using a dollar card (Domiciliary account) or through someone in the UK

### **Can I pay the rest of my school fees while in the UK after paying my initial deposit? Or I must pay an additional part before traveling?**

It's dependent on your school's payment policy. Most schools ask for another payment after your acceptance fee before you enrol. If you can afford to pay 50% or pay higher than the deposit that will give you some time before the next payment. You can also pay the rest in the UK using your School's payment plan, email your school for clarification.

## **ACADEMICS**

### **Should I get an Agent when applying to UK Schools?**

The UK Application process is easy, so you don't necessarily need an agent. You can apply on your own without an agent. It's up to you. You can also reach out to UKEAS which is free, and they will help you with everything even with the visa or better still, you can always ask the CP community whenever you need help.

### **What can I do when my CAS is taking too long, and my course is starting soon?**

Call or email your school about the situation. Also, you can contact a liaison officer for your region if you have one to speed things up. You might have to make a couple of calls and emails, keep reminding them

### **Is it possible to change my course after getting admission?**

It is possible but a difficult process. Ideally, be sure of the course you want to study before you apply. Not all requests to change course after admission are successful. To do this, Get In touch with the admission department, ask for the procedures and if you meet the requirements. They'll give you next steps from there. Also, it will be easier to change a course to something that is similar. For example, if you got admission to study game development but you want to change to game enterprise because you feel that will help your career better, that shouldn't be a difficult change. But if you were offered Law and want to change to social care, that will be more difficult.

**Can I defer my admission after getting a CONDITIONAL offer? If Yes, how can I go about it?** Yes, you can. Email the admissions office and inform them of your decision to defer and why you want to defer.

### **Can I defer my admission after getting into the UK?**

No, you cannot. If you have already enrolled on the course and started, you cannot defer it. In some situations, you can apply to skip a semester and take it later.

## **ACCOMODATION**

### **How do I get an accommodation?**

There are different sites that offer student accommodation. Refer to the "Student Accommodation Providers list" on the google drive folder. But the process is, you find a house, reach out to the landlord. Pay a holding deposit if you will be moving in later but ensure you get a receipt. Go for a house viewing to look at the property (Here's a list of things to look out for <https://www.instagram.com/p/CGmD6dmJMVS/> ). Sign the tenancy agreement and send photocopies of your documents to the Landlord. Pay your first rent, receive the key from your Landlord then move in.

View sites to get private student accommodation on this link

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CGErIq2JDND/>

If you will prefer a hassle-free process, you can use AmberStudent service, they'll handle everything including paperwork. Contact them [HERE](#)

### **Is it advisable to pay for your accommodation from outside the UK?**

It is not advisable to pay your full rent from outside the UK except in peculiar cases. Ideally, it is advisable to pay a holding deposit from outside the UK. This lets the Landlord know of your interest in the accommodation and not give the room to anyone else. But ensure you get a receipt for the deposit payment.

## **Can I self-isolate with a friend who's living in the UK before renting our own accommodation?**

Yes, you can self-isolate with friends or family already in the UK (\*if you are not from the countries on the red list, see details [HERE](#) ) before you rent your own place. But ensure you complete the isolation period in one location.

## **JOBS**

### **What are the processes you undergo before you start working in the UK as an International student?**

You need to have your BRP. Then you apply for an NI number, once you have that you can give it to your employers as you get job offers

### **When is the best time to start applying for professional jobs?**

For graduate jobs, you need to start applying as soon as your course starts. As that is how graduate recruitment works here. If you want a job next year, you need to start applying now.

See some best practices for applying to graduate jobs on this link

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CK0cV8KloUK/>

## **IN THE UK**

### **How do I move from the airport?**

There are several options. You can book with your University's airport pickup service, just email them before your flight to know if this service exists.

You can also take the coach aka luxurious bus. Once you arrive at the airport, there will be several bus stops, just ask any airport staff questions on where to find a coach going to your direction. You buy the ticket at the bus stop and board.

You can also use the trains; however, this is not always convenient as you will be moving around with a lot of luggage. You can buy tickets at the train station.

Lastly, you can use the airport taxi service. It is highly convenient but expensive. If you will be using this method, you can budget anywhere between £100 above as the price varies according to distance.

## **After getting to the UK, what do I do during and after my isolation period?**

Collect your BRP after your isolation period. Next is to start applying for an NI number. However, you do not need the BRP before you start calling the NI number office. Start making the call now as it takes a long while to get a response.

You can also start applying for jobs while you wait for your NI number. Your stamped passport is enough evidence in the meantime. Open a bank account ASAP as this could be a requirement if you're searching for a job. Get a SIM, you can do this by walking into any grocery store near you.

## **What's the best sim to get?**

There isn't a "best" sim rather a sim that works for you considering your budget and needs. You need to consider different plans on different networks, some are more favourable for international calls while others are favourable of data. For example, Lycamobile is good for international calls to Nigeria as they have good plans while GiffGaff is good for data plans and calls within the UK. Here's £5 on your sim if you decide to get GiffGaff sim, click [HERE](#)

## **How can I apply for an NI Number?**

NI means National Insurance Number; you will need it to work in the UK as employers will not pay you without it. You will need your BRP and International passport to apply. To apply, visit this link <https://www.gov.uk/apply-national-insurance-number>

**NOTE:** Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the process is slightly longer than usual so you will have to be patient.

## **How can I open a bank account?**

You can open a regular bank account or an online bank account. With online bank accounts, you can create an account from the comfort of your room with just your international passport while regular banks will require a list of documents from you including a tenancy agreement, student ID/ letter of enrolment from your school.

For online banks, members of our community use Starling, Monzo and Revolut.

For further information on what regular bank to open, see this video:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FNBx\\_fZSyxw&t=41s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FNBx_fZSyxw&t=41s)

## **What is BRP?**

BRP means Biometric Residence Permit, it is an ID card of your right to live and work in the UK. In your visa collection letter, it will be stated where you can pick it up after arriving in the UK. It is usually at the post office nearest to you or at your University.

## CONNECT WITH US:

The CP community is an online community providing information, resources, and a supportive community to help international students navigate life in the UK

You can connect with us:

Instagram: [@thecpcommunity](#)

Twitter: [@thecpcommunity](#)

Website \*in development: [www.thecpcommunity.co.uk](#)

**Join our telegram group and connect with over 1,800 international students in the UK on this link [https://t.me/joinchat/Vx6uUtk7\\_MmdEiT](https://t.me/joinchat/Vx6uUtk7_MmdEiT)**

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