

UK visa rules depend on the type of visa, but general requirements include a valid passport, proof of funds, English language proficiency, and specific documents for work or study. Recent changes in late 2025 increased the English language requirement for Skilled Worker visas to B2 level for many applicants and introduced new requirements for degree-level qualifications.

General requirements

- **Valid Passport:**

Must be valid for at least six months beyond your stay, have at least two blank pages, and be issued within the last 10 years.

- **Proof of Funds:**

You must show you have enough money to cover your expenses during your stay.

- **English Language Proficiency:**

Some visa types, like the Skilled Worker visa, require proof of English language proficiency (e.g., B2 level).

- **Application Form:**

You must complete the correct online application form.

- **Additional Documents:**

You may need to provide additional documents based on your specific visa type, such as invitation letters, bank statements, and salary slips.

Specific visa types

- **[Skilled Worker visa:](#)**

- Your job must be eligible for the visa, and you must work for a Home Office-approved sponsor.
- You must be paid at least the minimum salary for your job.
- Recent changes often require a degree-level qualification for a new visa, with exceptions until the end of 2026.
- You'll need a certificate of sponsorship from your employer.

- **[Standard Visitor visa:](#)**

- This is for short stays, tourism, or visiting family.
- You can apply for a long-term visitor visa (2, 5, or 10 years) if you visit the UK regularly, but you can only stay for a maximum of six months on each visit.

- **[Other visa types:](#)**

Other options include the [High Potential Individual visa](#), [Scale-up visa](#), and [Youth Mobility Scheme visa](#).

Important to note

- **Stay updated:**

Visa rules and requirements can change. Always check the official [GOV.UK website](#) or [Air India website](#) for the most current information before applying.

- **Additional charges:**

Be aware that additional fees may apply for priority or super priority processing.

- **Processing time:**

Processing times are calculated after all documents are submitted and are subject to the embassy's requirements.