

Proof of your right to study in the UK – required documentation

Immigration Advice & Compliance

Bath Spa University

As part of your enrolment at Bath Spa University we must check your right to study in the UK before you can start your course. This involves checking your original documents and retaining copies where required, as per the University's responsibilities to UKVI.

It is your responsibility as a student subject to immigration control to provide us with valid right to study documentation, and failure to do so will result in you being unable to enrol on your course.

Please bring your original documents to be checked. Photocopies and scans of passports and visas cannot be accepted.

There are many different UK immigration categories that permit study therefore this is not an exhaustive list. If you are in any doubt, please bring your passport, [view-and-prove share code](#) (right-to-work or right-to-rent cannot be accepted) and any documentation from the UKVI relevant to your UK immigration status. Please be aware that we cannot accept expired BRPs as proof of your right to study.

Please note that if you commence your studies at BSU on a non-Student route visa which does not cover the full length of your course, you must either extend this visa before it expires or apply for a Student Route visa before your current visa expires.

For immigration compliance-related queries, please contact immigrationcompliance@bathspa.ac.uk.

Bath Spa University also has an Immigration Advice Service that offers free, high-quality, and independent advice to BSU applicants. If you have yet to submit your visa application and need any help, or if you have received your visa and it has errors, please do get in touch via immigrationadvice@bathspa.ac.uk. Please note we can only offer detailed support for Student visa applications. For other immigration categories, you should contact either a registered immigration adviser, or a free service such as Citizens Advice Bureau

Student route visa

Right to Study Documents Required	Further Information / Other Documents Required
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student visa sponsored by Bath Spa University – you must provide a view-and-prove (not right-to-work or right-to-rent) share code or you will not be permitted to enrol.• Entry Clearance Vignette sticker where applicable (BSU Sponsor Licence Number: JVACU29U9).• Valid passport.• Please also bring your UKVI decision letter which confirms that your visa application was successful and shows where your BRP has been delivered.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The entry clearance vignette is the sticker in your passport which allows you to enter the UK within a 90-day period. You must arrive in the UK between the dates stated on your vignette.• If you entered the UK via an eGate and / or did not get your passport stamped by a UK Border Force official upon entry, please provide us with proof of your entry to the UK (e.g. flight boarding pass).

EU Settlement Scheme (Settled / Pre-settled status)

Right to Study Documents Required	Further Information / Other Documents Required
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Valid EEA / Swiss passport or national identity card that you used to enter the UK.• View-and-prove (not right-to-work or right-to-rent) share code or valid Biometric Residence Permit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We cannot accept expired BRPs as proof of right to study.

Limited Leave to Remain (e.g. Skilled Worker visa, Dependant visa, Spouse visa, etc)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valid passport. View-and-prove (not right-to-work or right-to-rent) share code or valid Biometric Residence Permit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We cannot accept expired BRPs as proof of right to study. Please note that full-time study on a Graduate Route visa is not permitted and you would therefore be required to apply for a relevant UK immigration status that permits study.

Standard Visitor visa

Right to Study Documents Required	Further Information / Other Documents Required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valid passport. Visitor entry clearance vignette sticker in your passport if you applied overseas (vignette must be stamped showing the date you entered the UK). Entry stamp in your passport if you were granted entry as a Visitor at the UK border by a Border Force official. Digital Immigration Status if you applied overseas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard Visitor visa permits study for up to 6 months in the UK only - Visit the UK as a Standard Visitor: Visit to study - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). If you entered the UK border via an eGate and you do not have an entry stamp in your passport, please provide us with proof of your entry to the UK (e.g. flight boarding pass). If you have been issued a digital immigration status, please provide us with a share code to prove your Right to Study. Share codes can be generated on Gov.uk - View and prove your immigration status: get a share code - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). Please note that we cannot accept a right to work or right to rent share code.

Study English in the UK (Short-term study visa)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Valid passport.• Entry Clearance Vignette sticker where applicable (vignette must be stamped showing the date you entered the UK).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short-term study visa permits study on an English language course lasting longer than 6 months and up to 11 months. - Study English in the UK (Short-term study visa): Overview - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).• If you entered the UK border via an eGate and you do not have an entry stamp in your passport, please provide us with proof of your entry to the UK (e.g. flight boarding pass).

British National (Overseas) visa – Hong Kong

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Valid passport.• Digital Immigration Status.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please provide us with a share code to prove your Right to Study. Share codes can be generated on Gov.uk - View and prove your immigration status: get a share code - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). Please note that we cannot accept a right to work or right to rent share code.

British Overseas Territories Citizen or British Overseas Citizen with a Certificate of Entitlement

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">Valid passport.Certificate of Entitlement permitting study in the UKIf you have another type of immigration permission, see the relevant category on this page.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Check the Home Office website to see if you need UK immigration permission to study. If your parents were born in the UK, you may automatically be a British citizen or be entitled to apply but we'll need to see a valid document to prove your immigration status.

Indefinite Leave to Remain / Settlement

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">Valid passport.View-and-prove (not right-to-work or right-to-rent) share code, vignette sticker in your passport, or valid Biometric Residence Permit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">If you do not have any of the proof listed, please bring correspondence from the Home Office confirming your grant of leave.We cannot accept expired BRPs as proof of right to study.

Refugee Status

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">Valid passport.View-and-prove (not right-to-work or right-to-rent) share code, vignette sticker in your passport, or valid Biometric Residence Permit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">If you do not have any of the proof listed, please bring correspondence from the Home Office confirming your grant of leave.We cannot accept expired BRPs as proof of right to study.

Asylum Claimants

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARC Card (Application Registration Card) • Immigration Bail form 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ARC card alone does not give you the right to study. We therefore also need to see a copy of your immigration bail form which will tell you if you can study in the UK. • Please note that if you have a pending claim for asylum, we will need to contact UKVI to carry out a full immigration history check with your consent.

Pending Student Route Visa Applications

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passport (if you have not sent it to the Home Office). • Copy of your previous UK immigration status. • Copy of your CAS statement issued by BSU. • Evidence that you have submitted your Student Route visa application prior to the expiry date of your previous visa. • Evidence that you have submitted your Student Route visa application using a CAS issued by BSU e.g a copy of Student Route Visa application form. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As soon as you know the outcome of your visa application, you must notify the Visa Compliance Team so that we can update our records and arrange to check and take a copy of your new BRP (and passport if we do not already have a copy) once you receive it from the Home Office. • If your application is unsuccessful, please provide us with a copy of the Home Office decision letter.

Pending non-Student Route Visa Applications

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Passport (if you have not sent it to the Home Office).• Copy of your previous UK immigration status.• Evidence that you submitted your application prior to the expiry of your previous visa.• Any relevant correspondence from the Home Office relating to your visa application.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As soon as you know the outcome of your application, you must notify the Visa Compliance Team so that we can update our records and arrange to check and take a copy of your new BRP (and passport if we do not already have a copy) once you receive it from the Home Office.• If your application is unsuccessful, please provide us with a copy of the Home Office decision letter.