

The information in this leaflet is for family members who will be applying as the dependant of a student.

Please make sure that you are visiting our **Information for Families** web resource to help you to check that your family are eligible to join or stay with you in the UK and where and when you can make their visa applications. You will find this information in our Guide for Families found here:

<https://www.swansea.ac.uk/international-campuslife/pre-arrival-information/preparing-for-swansea/guide-for-families/>

Please note: if you have a baby whilst in the UK, they can legally stay with you until they travel abroad. Then they will need to get a visa to come back into the UK and they must meet the same criteria as any other dependant as outlined in the Guide above. Crucially, your baby's access to free UK healthcare will **end after 3 months** and so you must either get private healthcare after that date or take them home and apply for a visa for them. If you do not do this and your baby becomes ill, you will be liable for any medical costs incurred.

Forms and Fees

All applications for a visa as a Student dependant are made online. There is a different application form and fees depending on whether the application is made in the UK or overseas and whether they are applying at the same time as the Main Applicant. If doing applications in the UK, you will need to make these application(s) before your current visa(s) runs out.

Overseas applications

Online form link: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-to-come-to-the-uk>

Standard visa application fee: £363 per applicant in local currency (as of Aug 2022)

You can also make a premium service application at some posts but these can incur significant additional costs. Please see the Gov.uk information for details: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/visa-regulations-revised-table>

In UK applications

Online form link: <https://visas-immigration.service.gov.uk/product/student> (this is for applications made at the same time as the main application)

Online form link: <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/family-members> (this is for applications made separate to the Main Applicant)

Standard visa application fee: £490 per applicant in local currency (as of Aug 2022)

You can also make priority or premium service applications but these can incur significant costs (approx. an additional £500-£800). Please see the Gov.uk information for details:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/visa-regulations-revised-table>

Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS)

Student applicants and their dependants who are applying for more than 6 months leave are subject to an additional 'immigration health surcharge' as part of the application process. Paying this charge as part of your application will mean that you are entitled to receive free health services from the National Health Service (NHS) while you are in the UK. The IHS is approximately £470 per year of leave (paid in your local currency if applying overseas). Periods of less than six months are charged at half the annual rate (£235). Periods of leave which are more than six months but are under twelve are charged at the full annual rate. The application and payment process for the immigration health surcharge is embedded into the visa application form. Applicants will need to pay the IHS in order to complete their application

How much will I pay?

It is important to remember that you pay for the length of leave granted and not the length of the Student applicants course. In order to be safe, you should add a month on to the front of their course date (as you can enter the UK up to one month before) and then remember to add the additional months granted by UKVI as standard onto the end of a given visa. The additional time will be 2 months for courses between 6 and 12 months in length and 4 months for courses of longer than 12 months. Any 'part months' will be rounded up and charges will be made per 6 month blocks.

You can find some specific examples of IHS fees in our Finances for a Student Visa information leaflet:

[https://www.swansea.ac.uk/media/Finances-for-Student-visa-applications-\(1\)-1.pdf](https://www.swansea.ac.uk/media/Finances-for-Student-visa-applications-(1)-1.pdf)

Other financial requirements for Student dependants

Dependants will also need to demonstrate that they have enough money to support, or be supported, whilst they are living in the UK. The amount of money that each dependant must show is £680 for each month of immigration permission (visa) that the main Student will be granted (if your dependants are applying at the same time as you) or has been granted (if your dependants are applying later). This is up to a maximum of 9 months (a maximum figure of £6,120). This financial requirement is waived for applicants applying **in the UK** at the **same time** as the Student and who have been living in the UK with **immigration permission for 12 months or longer**.

Dependants must have bank statements that show the money required has been in a cash bank account for a minimum period of 28 days, and that 28-day period must not have ended more than 31 days before application. **Partner or spouse dependants** can use bank accounts where either they or the main applicant are named as an account holders. This includes bank accounts that are held jointly with someone else, there is no restriction on who the other joint account holders can be but they or the main applicant **must** be one of the named account holders. **Child dependants** can use bank accounts that are in the name of at least one of their parents. No other bank accounts can be used.

If the main applicant has **official/government financial sponsorship** which includes their dependants, this can be used as long as the dependants are all named and it states clearly that all living costs are to be met.

Further information about acceptable financial documents, including examples, can be found in our leaflet Guide to documents for a Student Visa application (requirements as to format etc are the same in all cases):

[https://www.swansea.ac.uk/media/Finances-for-Student-visa-applications-\(1\)-1.pdf](https://www.swansea.ac.uk/media/Finances-for-Student-visa-applications-(1)-1.pdf)

What other documents will your dependants need?

- **Passport(s)**: You should submit any passports that you have ever used to enter the UK.
- **Proof of address**: Proof that you and your dependants are living in the same address (e.g. GP letter, police registration certificate, bills, student statement). If the dependent child is over the age of 16, they will need to show two extra documents dated in the last month to confirm the dependant's residential address.
- **Proof of relationship**: This is only a requirement for dependants applying for entry clearance from outside the UK. These dependants must show proof of relationship to the student such as marriage certificates and birth certificates, plus certified translations if the original is not in English.

If dependants are applying from outside the UK at a different time from the student, **they should also provide:**

- **Proof of student's visa status**: Copies of the student's Tier 4 visa and passport details pages.
- **Proof of student's enrolment**: A Student Statement from the MyUniHub confirming that the student is currently enrolled at Swansea University.
- **Proof of accommodation**: For example a copy of your tenancy agreement

A complete list of documents and requirements can also be found in the UKVI Student Route Guidance so you may like to also check there: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/points-based-system-student-route>