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### **Short-term student (6 months)**

A short-term student can come to the UK for up to 6 months to:

- study a course (meaning one or more consecutive or concurrent programmes of study that will be completed within the validity period of the short-term study visa)
- complete a period of research
- complete research tuition (for example, to learn about research)
- complete one or more elective courses linked to their overseas study, where they are studying medicine, veterinary medicine and science, or dentistry as their principal course of study equivalent to at least degree level study in the UK
- complete a study-abroad programme in the UK as part of an overseas course, where the programme is less than 6 months in length
- re-sit an examination or retake a module
- take an oral (viva) examination for part of a PhD qualification at a UK institution

## **Short Term Study (STS) Visa**

The short-term study routes (previously student visitor routes) are for people who want to come to the UK to study for a short period of time on a course that does not include a work placement or work experience. There are 3 short-term student routes:

- short-term student (6 months) – for applicants aged 16 and over for a maximum of 6 months’ study
- short-term student (11 months) – for applicants aged 16 and over for a maximum of 11 months’ English language study only
- short-term student (child) – for applicants aged under 16 for a maximum of 6 months’ study

**People should use Tier 4 of the points-based system if they want to come to the UK to study:**

- an English language course that lasts longer than 11 months
- any other course that lasts longer than 6 months (other than distance learning, which is addressed under “Studying at a UK Institution by distance learning”)
- a course that includes a work placement or work experience,

## **Eligibility requirements for short-term student routes**

### **Short-term student (6 months)**

**To be eligible to apply under this route applicant must:**

- be genuinely seeking entry to study as a short-term student
- be aged 16 or over
- have been accepted on one of the following:
  - ✓ a course of study by an accredited institution;
  - ✓ to undertake research or learn about research at a UK higher education institution (HEI) (short-term student (6 months) only)
  - ✓ to undertake an elective course linked to their graduate level study, where they are studying medicine, veterinary medicine and science, or dentistry as their principal course of study at an overseas HEI
  - ✓ intend to leave the UK either
- within 30 days of the end of their declared course of study

- at the end of the period of leave granted

whichever is the earliest

- ✓ maintain and accommodate themselves out of funds available to them
- ✓ meet the cost of their onward or return journey
- ✓ hold a valid entry clearance as a short-term student (when they arrive in the UK) if they are a visa national seeking to come to the UK for any length of time, or if they are a non-visa national seeking to come to the UK for more than 6 months

**If the student is aged 16 or 17, they must also:**

- ✓ show that suitable arrangements have been made for their travel to, reception and care in the UK
- ✓ have a parent or guardian in their home country or country of habitual residence who is responsible for their care and who confirms that they consent to the arrangements for the applicant's travel, reception and care in the UK

**Short-term students and employment**

Short-term students are not allowed to work in the UK, either in a paid or an unpaid job. They must not engage in:

- paid or unpaid work
- work placements
- work experience in the UK

**Intend to be:**

- self-employed
- involved in business or any professional activities in the UK
- have recourse to public funds
- add additional study after their arrival in the UK that will last in excess of the 30 day period at the end of the original period of entry requested.

Short-term students can volunteer but may not do voluntary work. You must be clear on the difference between the two.

**Voluntary workers:**

- often have a contract with their employer (this means the employer must provide the work and the voluntary worker must attend at particular times and carry out specific tasks)
- are also usually remunerated in kind

**Volunteers:**

- do not have a contract of employment
- must not take the place of an employee
- must not receive payment in kind but reimbursement for reasonable travel and subsistence expenses is allowed
- usually help a charity or voluntary or public sector organization

A short-term student must be accepted on a course of study provided by an accredited institution. London School of Social and Management Sciences is accredited by the Accreditation Service for International Colleges (ASIC).

Short-term student (6 months)	Requirement
Entry clearance endorsements	Cat C: short term student
Biometric Residence Permit	Not required
Length of leave	Maximum 6 months
Are dependents allowed?	Not allowed
Is switching into this category permitted?	Not permitted
Is the Immigration Health Surcharge payable?	No
Can you apply for further leave to remain (in country) after this visa?	No
Does police registration apply?	No
Does this category lead to settlement (Indefinite Leave to Remain)?	No
Tuberculosis (TB) certificate	No required for short-term student (6 months)
Knowledge of language and life	No
Work allowed?	No paid or unpaid work is allowed.

For further information on short term study visa and how to apply for it, please see here:

<https://www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/short-term-students>

<https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Visas-and-Immigration/Short-term-student-visa>