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Visa information

IMPORTANT!

The United Kingdom has recently revised immigration procedures and introduced a new points-based visa system

Do I need a visa?

New immigration rules require you to apply for a student visa before leaving Malaysia. In order to qualify for a visa you will need to score 40 points under the new points based system.

How do I get 40 points?

- 30 points = CAS (certificate of Acceptance of Studies) from Sheffield Hallam University
- 10 points = evidence of adequate funding to pay course fees and monthly living expenses of £600 for each month of the course (this is known as maintenance). Your evidence must show you have had the funds for 28 days prior to your visa application.

How much maintenance must I have?

If you intend to go home after the summer degree programme, you will need approximately 4,600 GBP (this will cover course fees + accommodation + living costs).

For courses more than 9 months you will need the first year of fees + 5,400 GBP to cover the first year in the UK. This is approximately 16,000 GBP if you intend to stay on for a master's course after the summer degree programme.

How do I apply for a student visa?

You will need to apply under the Tier 4 general student category. It will cost 199 GBP (approx RM1000).

The visa application form VAF9 is on the UKVisas website at http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk/en/how_toapply/vafs

Make an appointment with the VFS Agency to submit your VAF9 form. The address of the Agency is:

The VFS Agency
 Suite 16-06
 19th Floor
 Wisma MCA
 163 Jalan Ampang
 50430 Kuala Lumpur

Other documents you will need

You must also take with you

- a valid travel document or passport
- one passport-sized photograph
- the appropriate fee (RM849)
- your CAS for Sheffield Hallam University
- previous education history
- evidence of your funding (4,600 GBP or 16,000 GBP if applying for summer programme and a masters course)

Please check the application form for the full list of documents required.

Can I work while I study?

Only if you have a student visa. You can work for 20 hours a week during term time and full-time during vacations.

Can I extend my student visa?

If you decide to continue your studies after the summer programme, or if you need to extend your visa to resit examinations, then you can do so with the help of staff in the International Student Support Team, Student and Learning Services at the University. The cost to extend a student visa is 357 GBP. Depending on how quickly you receive your results, you may need to go home before you have all the documentation you need to extend your visa. If there is more than one month gap in between your student visa expiring and the start of your new course, you will not be able to extend in the UK and will need to go return to Malaysia to apply.

Full details can be found on the Home Office website at <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/studyingintheuk/adult-students/>

Can I come without a visa?

- if you only want to study for the summer programme
- if you do not want to continue study in the UK after your summer programme
- if you do not want to work during your studies

You can come to the UK on a student visitor stamp but you must leave the UK when your student visitor stamp expires. You cannot apply for a student visa in the UK if you arrive with a visitor stamp. You will still need to show your offer letter and evidence of funding to support yourself on arrival in the UK. You are not entitled to work part-time while on a student visitor stamp and you cannot apply for the post-study work scheme while in the UK but can do so back at home in Malaysia.

Full details can be found on the Home Office website at <http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/studyingintheuk/student-visitors>

Post-study work (PSW) scheme

Students who have successfully completed a degree programme can apply to remain in the UK to work for two years after their course has finished to gain work experience. You must apply during the 12 months after you have completed your course. To be able to apply while in the UK, you must have a valid student visa.

However, please be aware that you may not receive your results in time to be able to apply for the PSW visa in the UK, but you can apply back in Malaysia. If you came to the UK with a student visitor stamp at the airport, you will not be eligible to apply for this scheme.

Full details can be found on the Home Office website at <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/workingintheuk/tier1/poststudy>

Do I need an ATAS certificate?

Yes if you are applying for any of the following engineering masters degree courses

- MSc Advanced Engineering
- MSc Advanced Engineering with Management
- MSc Advanced Design Engineering
- MSc Advanced Materials Engineering
- MSc Advanced Mechanical Engineering
- MSc Advanced Manufacturing Engineering

You can apply before you leave Malaysia, or before you apply for your visa extension in the UK. Your offer letter will contain the information required, but further information can be found on the Foreign and Commonwealth Office website at www.fco.gov.uk/atas

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