Financial Evidence Requirement - Student Visa

In order for the Student Immigration Compliance Team to issue you with a new Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS - the sponsorship number provided by the University that you need to apply for your Student visa), you may be required to provide us with copies of the financial evidence that you intend to supply in support of your visa application. This may depend on your circumstances and nationality.

Most visa applications are approved, however, if a visa application is refused the main reason is because students do not meet UK Visas & Immigration’s (UKVI) financial requirements for a Student visa. We need to satisfy ourselves, prior to issuing your CAS, that you have the money in place to make a successful visa application.

We need to see evidence, in accordance with UKVI guidance, that covers course fees for your first year of study (or the whole course if your course will last for less than a year), PLUS living costs up to a maximum of nine months and finances to cover any dependants you are bringing with you. If you are applying from overseas, we also require you to show an additional £500 on top of the tuition and living costs; this money is to cover any currency fluctuations.

Please refer to GOV.UK Student visa for an outline of the requirements.

The evidence you send us must be in the form of one of the following:

- Money held in a bank account in your name (bank statements in your name)*
- Money held in a bank account in your parent/guardian’s name (bank statements in their name, along with a letter confirming the relationship between you and them, their consent to use their finances for your study and official documentation confirming your relationship. This can be a birth, adoption or guardianship certificate.)*
- Official Government financial sponsorship
- Official International Scholarship Agency financial sponsorship
- Official International Company sponsorship
- Official University financial sponsorship
- Government education loans (for example: US Federal Aid)

*If you will be using funds in either your own or parent’s bank account then you should demonstrate that you have held the required amount of funds at all times for a consecutive 28 day period, ending no more than 31 days before the date of your visa application. The funds must be in the account on the last day of the bank statement period and for the whole of the 28 day period before the statement ends.

You should pay particular attention to the detailed requirements of the documents you can use as well as the documents that CANNOT be accepted. Please carefully read through the Student Route guidance for a full set of requirements and links to other appropriate resources/guidance.

We ask that you please scan in your documents and send this information to visacompliance@kent.ac.uk as soon as possible to prevent any delays in issuing your CAS.

Please note your information will be treated confidentially and only provided to those staff in the University who will be reviewing the documentation for the purpose of issuing your CAS. The information will be deleted from our email system once received, then transferred and held securely in your case file until your visa application has been decided. We will delete your financial information once we have been made aware of your visa decision.

For further information regarding the CAS process please visit our website or contact us via email.

For immigration advice and guidance please contact the Kent Union Advice Centre (Canterbury students) or GK Unions Advice Centre (Medway students). We do not share information with Kent Union or GK Unions. If you would like their advice on your documents you will also need to scan and email copies to them.

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