

TIER 4 VISA APPLICATION – FINANCIAL EVIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

Before you can apply for your visa, you will need to show that you have sufficient money to pay your tuition fee PLUS a fixed amount of money for living expenses, known as Maintenance.

Your deposit and any other sum of money already paid towards tuition fees will be deducted from the total amount of money you will need to show. Please see example below;

Length of course	Maintenance (funds) needed	For <u>example</u>
More than 9 months (1 academic year)	First year of course fees	If your tuition fee for your first year of study are £12,500 and you have paid a deposit of £3,000, then your remaining tuition fee to show will be £9,500.
	Plus £9,135 to cover living costs for 9 months in the UK (£1,015 per month)	You would need to show £9,135 (living costs) + £9,500 = £18,635 in available funds.

Before we issue a CAS, we check the financial documents you will use for your visa application to ensure it meets the criteria set out in the UK Immigration Rules and give you the best chance of being granted a visa. The **UK Immigration Rules** are not flexible and your evidence **must** meet the criteria set out in the [UKVI Tier 4 Policy Guidance \(Pages 48 -53\)](#) exactly.

Your evidence must demonstrate you have at least £9,135 for living costs plus all of the remaining tuition fees for the first year of your course (see above example). *Please note, to account for currency fluctuations, if the funds are not held in UK pound sterling, we expect evidence to demonstrate a 5% surplus before we issue a CAS.*

Bank Statements

The most common document used to demonstrate finances is a bank statement.

Your original bank statements must show a 28 day period and include ALL of the following information:

- Your name or your parents*/legal guardians name
- The account number
- The amount of money available
- The financial institutions name and logo

The bank statement must be dated within 31 days of your planned visa application date and the balance must not drop below the required amount for 28 consecutive days – not even 1 pence below that amount for a single day. Please note, the **28 day period ends on the closing balance of your bank statement.**

Some financial institutions (e.g Banks) are not accepted by UKVI, please check [Immigration Rules \(Appendix P\)](#)

If you are using your parents' or legal guardians' bank statements then you must also provide:

Your original birth (or adoption) certificate showing the names of your parents/legal guardian **PLUS** a letter from your parents/legal guardians that confirms the relationship between you and your parents/legal guardian and that they have given their consent to you using their funds to study in the UK.

You can use **electronic bank statements**, if they meet all of the above requirements and bear the official stamp of the bank on each page.

A **Building Society pass book** or **letter from the bank** are also acceptable if they met all of the above requirements and confirm the required funds have been available for 28 consecutive days.

Sponsored Students

You can be sponsored by Her Majesty's Government, your home government, the British Council or any international organisation, international company*, university or an independent school. **PLEASE NOTE: *UKVI definition of an International Company is one who has offices in more than one country.**

You will need an official letter from your sponsor on official letter-headed paper. The letter needs to confirm the amount of money the sponsor is giving you or at statement that they will cover all your fees and living costs and include;

- Your name
- The Name and contact details of your sponsor
- The length of your sponsorship

If you sponsorship also covers your dependants, the letter must confirm this and contain the names of your dependents.

Additional information

Academic or Educational Loans and Certificates of Deposits are also permitted financial documents for a visa application providing they meet the requirements set out in the [Tier 4 Policy Guidance](#).

Any documents **not in English** must be accompanied by a **fully certified** translation by a professional translator and include details of the translator's credentials, their contact details and confirmation it is accurate translation.