



# Visa guide to Studying Abroad

Thoroughly curated guide by us to help you understand the visa application process to different countries in depth.



# Canada

Canada welcomes 350,000+ students from across the globe each year. To study at a Canadian educational institution, most foreign nationals must apply for a study permit. A study permit, once issued, allows a foreign national to study in Canada at an approved institute for the duration of the specified course or program.

For applicants from China, India, Morocco, Pakistan, the Philippines, Senegal and Vietnam, the applicant may be able to get your study permit faster through the Student Direct Stream (SDS).



## Student Direct Stream(SDS) Requirements

- ✔ Acceptance letter from a post-secondary designated learning institution
- ✔ Live outside of Canada
- ✔ Proof that applicant has paid tuition for your first year of study
- ✔ Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC) of CAD\$10,000
- ✔ Certificat d'acceptation du Québec (CAQ) from the Ministère de l'Immigration, de la Francisation et de l'Intégration (This is only if you're planning to study in Quebec)
- ✔ Medical exam
- ✔ Recent secondary or post-secondary school transcripts
- ✔ Language test result(IELTS)

# United States



As an overseas student coming to the United States, there are three distinctive student visas that they could be issued: F1 Visa, J1 Visa or M1 Visa. The F1 and J1 visas allow for the likelihood of employment in the United States during your stay, while the M1 Visa does not.

## **There are three kinds of student visas to the US:**

**F1 Student Visa:** Students applying for a program that requires more than 18 study hours in a week require an F1 visa. This encompasses all undergraduate and graduate programs. Spouses or children accompanying F-1 visa recipients will travel on an F-2 visa. However, the spouses can only accompany, they are not allowed to work.

**J1 Exchange Visitor Visa:** The J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa is for students, visiting scholars or lecturers pursuing an exchange program. Most students enrolled in the short-term study abroad programs will travel to the United States on a J-1 visa. The J1 visa is customarily sought by a working professional who visits the United States as a part of an exchange program, hence the name Exchange Visitor Visa. These may include a 10-month vocational training or some research fellowship, etc. Spouses or children accompanying J-1 Visa recipients will travel on a J-2 Visa.

**M-1 Vocational/ Non-Academic Student Visa:** The M1 visa is a kind of student visa that is bespoke for vocational and technical schools. While the process for applying for the F1 visa and M-1 is analogous. The difference is that the M1 visas are time-stamped and students cannot overstay their visit.

# United Kingdom

As of September 2022, Master's students (not postgraduate certificate or diploma) can stay in the UK for up to 2 years after completing their studies. Students can apply to extend their visas if they decide to enroll in another course after completing their current course. They can also apply for working visas once they find employment.

The T4 Student Visa is typically issued for the full course duration. For long-term courses, students can arrive in the UK up to one month before, and stay for up to four months after the end of the course.



## **A General student visa (Tier 4) requirements are:**

- A CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies) letter by the University that offered admission.
- A Proof of financial statements to bear the living and study expenses in the UK.
- Students can pay the healthcare surcharge to access the National Health Service (NHS) to avail of the United Kingdom's health benefits.
- A valid passport.
- Passport-sized colour photographs.
- ATAS (Academic Technology Approval Scheme) clearance certificate.

# Australia

International students planning to pursue a long-term course in Australia (more than 12 weeks) must obtain an Australian Student Visa (subclass 500).

Some of the perks of obtaining this student visa include being able to bring a family member to Australia, participate in an eligible course of study, and apply online in or outside of Australia for the choice of program. This will allow the applicant to stay in Australia for up to five years.

## To be eligible for this Visa they must have the following:

- Acceptance letter from the educational institution in Australia
- Health insurance
- Must be of the minimum age of 16 or have proof of welfare arrangement if they are less than 18 years old
- Meet Genuine Temporary Entrant requirements
- Sufficient funds for airfares and living costs
- Meet health and character requirements

Once the formalities are complete the visa processing can take up to 40 - 50 days.

- **Cost of Visa:** The fee for the Australian Student Visa(subclass 500) is \$AUD 560 (Variable)



# Ireland

Citizens of certain countries who wish to pursue a course of study in Ireland must apply for a visa to enter Ireland before they travel. If they wish to study in Ireland for less than 3 months they should apply for a 'C study visa'. If their course lasts longer than 3 months, they should apply for a 'D study visa'.

## **The supporting documentation required for a Student Visa in Ireland includes:**

- Valid Passport
- Letter of Acceptance from the college/university
- Proof of payment of the registration and tuition fees
- Proof of financial funds
- Two passports sized photographs
- Study Permit and Visa Evidence for explaining any gaps in the educational history of the candidate
- English Proficiency
- Your University will make you aware of additional requirements if any before your application

(Please remember, original documents are required and must be in English or accompanied by a notarised translation)



# New Zealand

The New Zealand Government provides an opportunity to all Indian students to study in the country but as a prerequisite, you'll have to obtain a student visa first. The visa you would like will depend upon the sort of study you would like to pursue, and the way long you plan to remain in New Zealand.

## **The supporting documentation required for a Student Visa in New Zealand includes:**

- An offer of place from an academic institution approved by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority Letter of Acceptance from the college/university
- A written guarantee from an institution or person that suitable accommodation is available to you in New Zealand (if you're under 18 years)
- Evidence of sufficient funds to live on while you are studying
- A return air ticket to your country, or evidence of sufficient funds to buy one.
- English Proficiency
- Your University will make you aware of additional requirements if any before your application

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# New Zealand

**Visitor visa:** If the applicant wants to take a short course of study while they're in New Zealand, a visitor visa may be the best choice of visa for them. A visitor visa allows the applicant to take one or more courses lasting up to three months in total. While they're here, they can enjoy New Zealand's stunning scenery, vibrant cities, and friendly people.

**Pathway student visa:** If the applicant plan to study more than one course in New Zealand, the pathway student visa may be the only visa they need. The pathway student visa allows the applicant to study up to three consecutive courses for up to five years with one or more qualifying education providers. For example, you could take an English language course, followed by foundation studies, then a degree program – all on one visa.

**Post-work visa:** If the applicant wants to stay in New Zealand to get some practical work experience after they've completed their qualification, they may be able to apply for a post-study work visa. A post-study work visa will allow the applicant to work for up to three years in New Zealand after they graduate, depending on what they study and where they study.







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