

UK VISITOR VISA APPLICATION PROCESS



- You are able to enter the UK with a visa.
- Citizens of other countries, may visit the UK for up to 6 months on a visitor's visa, sometimes referred to as a standard visitor visa or a UK tourist visa. This visa allows for short-term visits for business, study, and other allowed purposes.



01 Who Needs a Visa for the UK?

You won't need to submit an application for a UK visa if you're a citizen of the European Economic Area, Switzerland, or a Commonwealth nation. This also applies to citizens of the U.S.

Regardless of your nationality, a visa is required if you plan to stay in the UK for longer than six months.

02 UK Visa Application

Your reason for travelling to the UK will determine much of your British visa application process. The type of visa you require could also depend on certain requirements, and if your visa is part of the points-based system.

The Point-Based System (PBS) controls immigration into the country. You must be able to obtain a specific number of points for each visa in order to be eligible.



03 Fill out the online application.

Generally, the online form for applying for a UK visa asks for personal information like:

- name and surname.
- nationality.
- country of residence.
- relationship status.
- personal number.
- a passport number.
- an explanation for wanting to enter the UK.
- further details regarding your application.



After filling out the online form, make sure you pay the application fee.

04 Book a UK visa appointment

Once you've scheduled an appointment online, save the confirmation email and bring it with you, together with the necessary paperwork, to the UK visa application centre of your choice.

The required original copies of the documents must be provided. Ensure that the documents are accurate because sometimes even a small error may result in significant problems. Please be aware that you must make the appointment and not someone else.



05 Go to the UK visa interview

You must present your biometric data, which consists of an electronic scan of your fingerprints and a photo at the UK visa application centre.

All applicants, including children, must appear in person at the visa application centre in order to submit a visa application. A responsible adult must accompany applicants who are under the age of 18.

06 Processing Time for UK Visas

The processing of a UK visa may take as long as three weeks. The type of visa, your circumstances, and eligibility are just a few of the many factors that affect how long it takes to process a UK visa application.

You can also apply for Priority Services: This is when applications for UK visas are eligible for quick processing. If this service is offered in the country where your application is being submitted, you can pay the extra fee and take advantage of priority services.