Supporting Documentation for Exchange Students

FULL-YEAR STUDENTS

VISA

The Student visa came into effect on 5 October 2020. This is applicable to all students planning to attend Strathclyde for more than 6 months, including those from the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein.

Check the link below for more information: <u>https://www.strath.ac.uk/studywithus/internationalstudents/before</u> <u>youarrive/visasimmigration/</u>

In order to apply for a Student visa, applicants will require to obtain a CAS from Strathclyde. In order to obtain a CAS applicants will require to submit the following supporting documents to Strathclyde:-

- Evidence of acceptable English Language Proficiency
- Official transcript (original and 2nd version translated into English.
- Confirmation of no previous UK study on a Student visa.
- Valid passport

Pre-settled or settled status

If you are EU/EEA/Swiss student and have pre-settled or settled status you may not require a student visa, the university will still require evidence of this as part of the application to ensure you are given the correct offer conditions. Please upload a screenshot of your Share Code to your application so that the university can verify your status. For further information please see https://www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status

If you require further information please contact my colleagues from the Visa compliance team

infoandadvice@strath.ac.uk

General information about your documents

- Do not password-protect or encrypt files Admissions selectors will not be able to access them.
- Do not submit additional documents unless they are specifically requested Admissions selectors cannot use them.
- Do not email updated transcripts to the Admissions Office once you have submitted your application. They will not be considered and can delay your application being processed.
- Only PDF or Word documents will be accepted.
- Files must be less than 5MB.
- Blank documents should not be uploaded as your application will not be processed.

1. Front copy of your Passport

Include all 4 corners of your document and make sure the edges of the document are not cropped or cut off.

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2. Original transcript

You must provide a good quality, authenticated copy of your qualification. Your academic transcript should list all courses undertaken and grades received at your home university.

In case your home university does not use the <u>ECTS system</u>, the transcript of records should include an explanation of the credit and grading systems used.

Unofficial transcripts will not be considered

3. Translated English transcript

You must provide a transcript which has been translated into English, along with the official version on institutional-headed paper; stamped and signed by the issuing office in its original language.

This must be a fully certified translation from a professional translator or translation company that can be independently verified by the Home Office. The translation must include all of the following information:

- confirmation that it is an accurate translation of the document
- the date of translation
- the full name and signature of the translator or an official from the translation company
- the translator or translation company's contact details

Any non-English transcripts you upload to your application without a translation **will be rejected.**

Files must be less than 5MB. Allowed file types: .pdf (preferred), .docx, .jpeg, or .jpg.

4. English Language Proof

Applicants applying for a Student visa to come to the UK must provide evidence of their English language proficiency that meets the requirements of the course.

This is a UKVI requirement as part of the visa application process. Normally IELTS 6.0 or 6.5 overall with nothing less than 5.5 in each component or equivalent test depending on the course. IELTS expires two years after the date on the certificate and still needs to be valid at the time of the visa application.

You can find more information about the accepted tests at the links below. Refer to section entitled ` For entry on to main degree'.

Please check our English Language requirements the current acceptable tests are listed here.

https://www.strath.ac.uk/studywithus/englishlanguagerequirements/

https://www.strath.ac.uk/studywithus/englishlanguagerequirements/recognisedenglishlanguagequalifications/_

ONLY STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS (FEE PAYING)

Academic reference

The Academic reference usually refers to the good academic standing and how you will cope with the university life and your studies while you are abroad. This reference is given to you by your study abroad coordinator or by an academic member of staff who has taught you during your university studies.