



Visa information: United Kingdom

Study visit:

Visa requirements distinguish between study visits of up to 6 months and those of more than 6 months:

- **up to 6 months: no visa required**
However, during this time the purpose of stay is clearly limited to studies, students are not allowed to pursue a financially remunerated activity during their stay. From 01.10.2021, entry for EU citizens is only possible with a valid passport (electronic passport - ePassport).
- **several semesters or a whole course of study: student visa required**
(since 1 January 2021)
The visa application can be filled out online at [Student visa - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) and costs 348 British pounds. A valid passport or other valid travel document is required.

The application can be made from six months before the start of the course.

Those who have a visa must also pay an "Immigration Health Surcharge" for access to the NHS, the public health service (<https://www.gov.uk/healthcare-immigration-application>). This fee is £470 per year for students. Students who are studying full-time and hold a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) can apply for a refund of the 'Immigration Health Surcharge'. To be eligible for the refund, students must not be working during their studies.

NEW: Under certain conditions, students who have a visa are allowed to have a part-time job while studying.

More detailed information can be found at:

<https://eu.daad.de/service/was-noch-bewegt/brexit/de/77316-hinweise-zum-brexit--erasmus-und-das-vereinigte-koenigreich/>

<https://www.britishcouncil.de/studium-uk/eu-austritt-informationen-fuer-studierende>



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Internship Stays:

A Temporary Worker-Government Authorised Exchange visa (T5) - also known as Tier 5 (GAE) - is required for trainees to stay in the UK under the Erasmus+ programme.

In order to apply for such a visa, participants must have a *Certificate of sponsorship*, which for Erasmus+ is issued by the British Council. The *Certificate of sponsorship* is a reference number that provides information about the participant.

The reference number is valid for three months from the date of issue. The **application for the reference number is to be made to the British Council by the sending HEI and not by the sponsored person**. The **procedure for applying for the Certificate of Sponsorship is set out on [this website](#)**.

The [visa application](#) can be completed online [after presenting the reference number](#) from the Certificate of sponsorship and costs 244 British pounds (German citizens receive a discount of 55 British pounds).

NEW: The British Council will issue the Certificate of Sponsorship only for the projects of the Erasmus+ programme generation 2014 - 2020 - project 2019 and 2020. For the projects of the new programme generation 2021-2027, the British Council will no longer issue the Certificate of Sponsorship. Accordingly, traineeships to the UK can only be funded in the new generation of programmes if [the host institution itself is licensed to](#) issue a Certificate of sponsorship.

Sponsor to issue the Certificate of Sponsorship: There are only a few sponsors who can issue a certificate of sponsorship for an internship in the UK. The agency ESPA (<https://www.espauk.com>), for example, works together with a sponsor and takes care of issuing the CoS – as long as the internship is also arranged through ESPA. The fee is around €500.

There is no minimum salary requirement in the Tier 5 (GAE) category. However, it is also regulated that students must prove their subsistence through the Erasmus+ funding and/or the traineeship salary and may not apply for public benefits.