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BRITAIN &amp; NORTHERN IRELAND



# Time differences and weather

- ◆ **Time zone:** UK and Malaysia:
  - BST: end March – end Oct (+7hrs)
  - GMT: Nov – March (+8hrs)

Months	Sept – Nov	Dec – Feb	Mar – May	June – Aug
Season	Autumn	Winter	Spring	Summer
Average temp	17°C- 9°C	6°C- 7°C	9°C- 15°C	18°C- 20°C
Average daylight hrs	10-14 hours	8-9 hours	11-15 hours	16 hours

# Checklist before leaving home

## Hand-carry:

- ❑ Accommodation confirmation
- ❑ Valid Passport & Visa
- ❑ Offer letter (CAS)
- ❑ TB/Medical report, insurance
- ❑ Bank drafts, bank accounts, cash
- ❑ Air tickets and departure details
- ❑ Airport pick-up and University contact details



# The Tier 4 visa application process



**Apply online:** [www.visa4uk.fco.gov.uk](http://www.visa4uk.fco.gov.uk)

- Visa application form
- Health surcharge fee (if applicable) and visa application fee
- Appointment



**Attend the VAC**

- Biometrics and application
- Credibility interview (if applicable)
- Optional services



**Decision and passport collection**

- Standard service – 15 working days
- Collect passport in person or visa courier

# Student visa routes

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There are 3 visa routes that international students can use to study in the UK.

- Tier 4 (General) – ages 16 and above
- Tier 4 (Child) – ages 4 - 17
- Short-term study

International students who apply to come to the UK to study for longer than 6 months will be required to pay a health surcharge. This costs £150 per year for students and entitles you to access the National Health Service (NHS) in the same way as a permanent UK resident.

# Tier 4 - Supporting documents

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- A Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS)
- TB certificate
- An Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate (if applicable)
- Parental consent (if under 18)
- Previous BRP, English translation (if applicable)

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nationals  
applying in  
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## Additional Requirements:

- Evidence of your qualifications as specified in the CAS (original)
- Evidence of English language ability for those who need to demonstrate it
- Evidence of finance
- Proof of parent-child relationship (only if relying on parents' funds)

Other  
nationals  
applying in  
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# Common reasons student visas are refused

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- Not including the correct **supporting documents** or submitting documents without translations or in the **wrong format**
- Failing to disclose full travel or **immigration history**
- Not meeting the **28-day financial rule** on funds or not holding the funds in an account in which you or your parents or sponsors are named
- Not providing **evidence of the relationship** between you and your parents/guardian or sponsor
- Forgetting to include **original** education certificates
- Forgetting to get a **Tuberculosis** test done (if applicable)

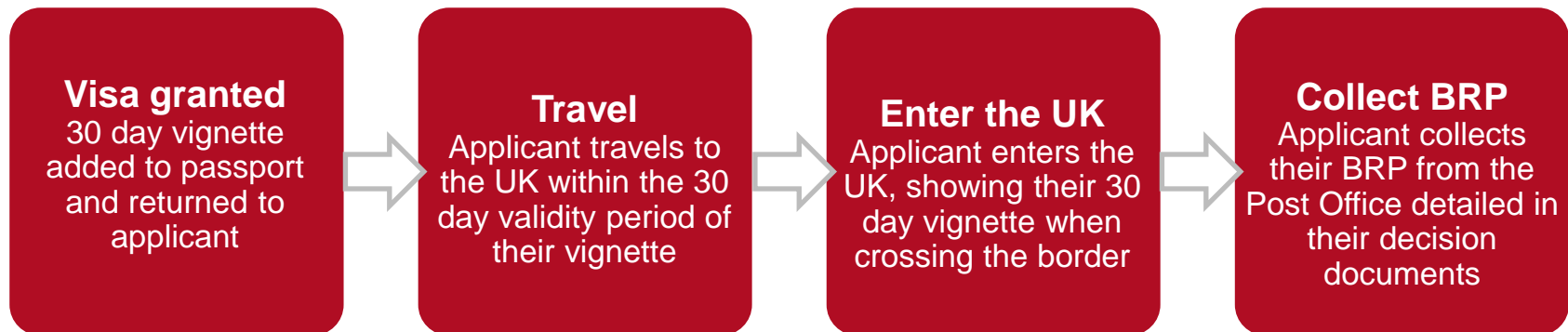
# Biometric Residence Permits

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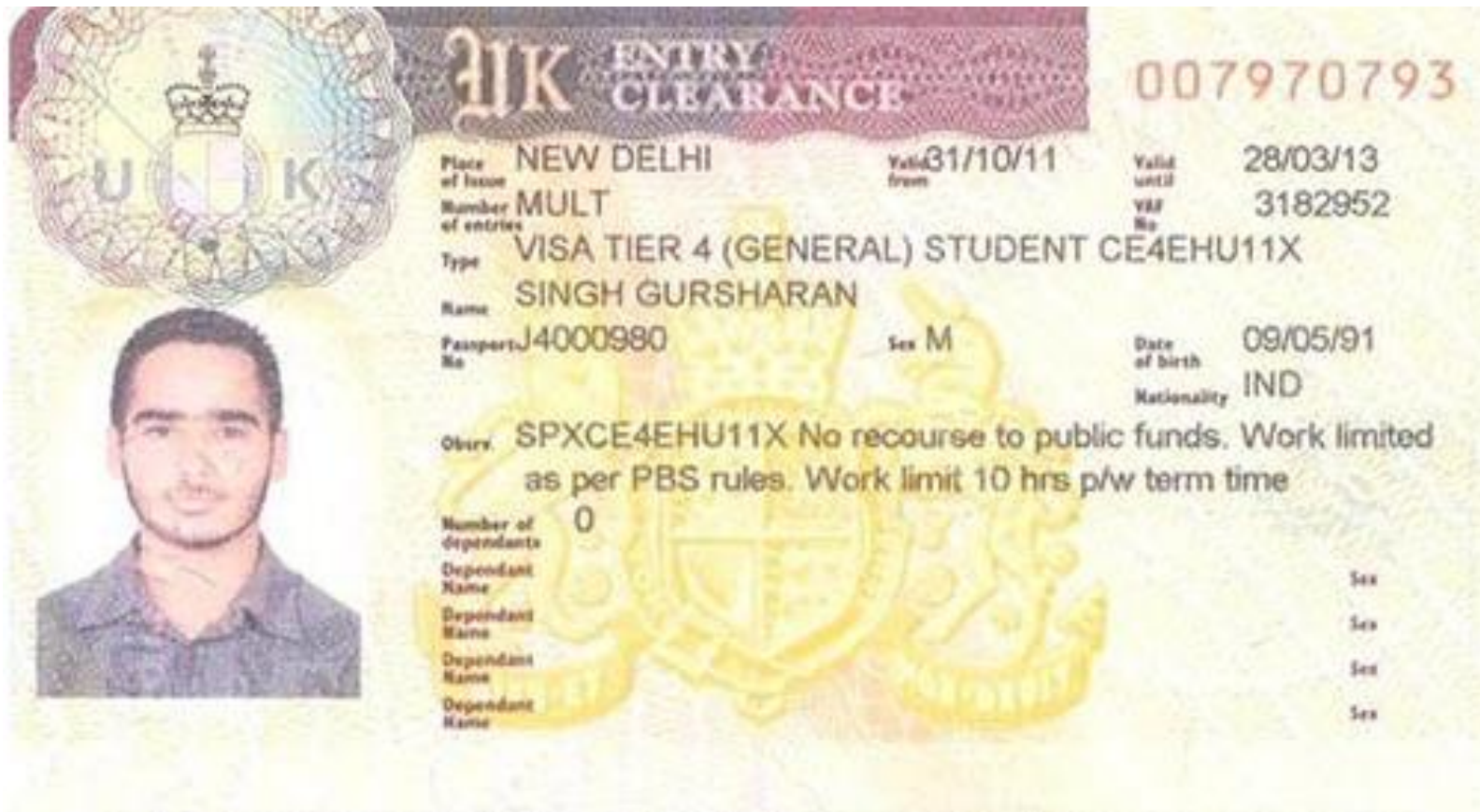
The Home Office has introduced Biometric Resident Permits (BRPs) for applicants applying to come to the UK for more than six months. You will apply for a BRP at the same time as you make your visa application.

If your visa application is successful, you will be given a vignette valid for 30 days. This will allow you to enter the UK. You must then collect your BRP from the Post Office branch you selected as part of your application no later than 10 days after your arrival in the UK.

Your Tier 4 sponsor must keep a copy of your BRP and you must keep the original.







**UK ENTRY CLEARANCE**

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Place of issue: NEW DELHI

Valid from: 31/10/11

Valid until: 28/03/13

Number of entries: MULT

VISA No: 3182952

Type: VISA TIER 4 (GENERAL) STUDENT CE4EHU11X

Name: SINGH GURSHARAN

Passport No: J4000980

Sex: M

Date of birth: 09/05/91

Nationality: IND

Obv. SPXCE4EHU11X No recourse to public funds. Work limited as per PBS rules. Work limit 10 hrs p/w term time

Number of dependants: 0

Dependant Name: Sex

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# Reminders

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- Provide correct travel date and UK post code on your visa application form.
- Funds for Tier 4 application must meet our 28-day **AND** 31-day requirements
- Provide English translation to documents which are not in English
- Book English language test following the instruction from your T4 sponsor
- Use 3 to 5 day priority service if need to travel urgently

# You are not allowed to:

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- ✗ Work more hours than your visa conditions allow
- ✗ Change courses or switch to a new institution part way through your course without notifying UK Visas & Immigration.
- ✗ Stop studying without notifying UK Visas and Immigration.
- ✗ Overstay your visa at the end of your course.
- ✗ Access benefits or housing services.
- ✗ Bring dependants unless you are on a postgraduate level course lasting longer than 12 months, or you are on a government funded scheme.

# Useful Links

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- **Tier 4 visa guidance :**

[www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa](http://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa)

[www.gov.uk/child-study-visa](http://www.gov.uk/child-study-visa)

- **Approved IELTS centres :** [www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-applying-for-uk-visa-approved-english-language-tests](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-applying-for-uk-visa-approved-english-language-tests)
- **BRP:** [www.gov.uk/biometric-residence-permits](http://www.gov.uk/biometric-residence-permits)
- **Authorized TB clinics:** [www.gov.uk/government/publications/tuberculosis-test-for-a-uk-visa-clinics-in-hong-kong](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tuberculosis-test-for-a-uk-visa-clinics-in-hong-kong)
- **Visa application centre:** [www.vfsglobal.co.uk/hongkong](http://www.vfsglobal.co.uk/hongkong)
- **International Visa Enquiry Service:** <https://ukvi-international.faq-help.com/>

# Accommodation

## Institution Accommodation

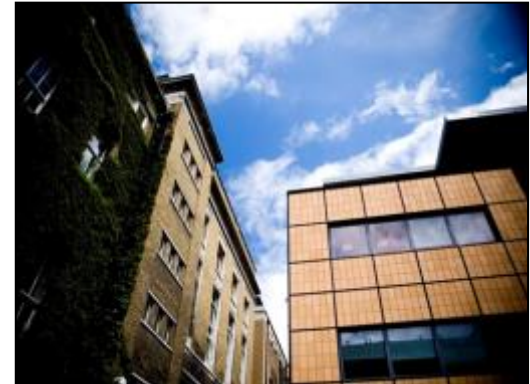
- ◆ Halls of residence / Self-catering halls

## Privately owned accommodation

- ◆ Flats / Houses / Lodgings

## Tips:

- ◆ Check contracts before signing
- ◆ Consider inclusions and exclusions





# Packing – what to pack

- ◆ Other important documents (make copies!)
- ◆ Check your baggage allowance
- ◆ Few sets of formal/traditional wear
- ◆ Clothing & seasons
  - Autumn: *Sept – Nov*
  - Winter: *Dec – Feb*
  - Spring: *Mar – May*
  - Summer: *June – Aug*
- ◆ Money: declare if more than €10k



# Packing – what NOT to pack

- **Banned and restricted goods**
  - drugs, weapons, indecent/obscene materials, pepper spray, pirated goods
- **Banned**
  - all meat and meat products, all milk and dairy products, potatoes
- **Restricted food**
  - fruit and vegetable
  - egg products, eggs and honey
  - fish and fishery products

<https://www.gov.uk/personal-food-plant-and-animal-product-imports>

# Immigration

- Follow “Arrivals” sign to Immigration or Passport Control
- Onwards to baggage reclaim and customs control
- Exit from the correct lane
- **Blue:** if you are travelling from an EU Country with no banned or restricted goods
- **Green:** if you are travelling from a Non EU Country with no banned or restricted goods
- **Red:** have goods to declare / not sure what you should declare.

# Onwards to your institution

- ◆ Arrange for meet & greet at airport
- ◆ Try arriving during working hours
- ◆ Other means of transportation:
  - the London Underground or 'Tube'
  - local buses, coaches, trains or taxis

## Useful web links:

- ◆ [www.airportguides.co.uk](http://www.airportguides.co.uk)
- ◆ [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)
- ◆ [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)
- ◆ [www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk)



# Money Matters

- ◆ Opening a bank account – documents required
- ◆ Bank draft issued for tuition / living expenses
- ◆ Bring sufficient cash: £400 – £500
- ◆ Estimated living cost:
  - In London - £9,180/year (£1,020/mth)
  - Outside London - £7,380/year (£820/mth)
- ◆ **Useful Tips:**
  1. Plan a budget
  2. Monitor debit card online
  3. Purchase second hand books/ utilize library resources
  4. Student card to get student rates
  5. Student Oyster in London/Young Persons Railcard (below 25)



# Compare Grocery Prices

<https://www.mysupermarket.co.uk/>

Compare & save 30%  
on every supermarket shop

Start saving

Who are we?



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# Halal Food

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## Halal Chicken

We have 367 restaurants, 67 of which serve only Halal chicken and are signposted both in the restaurant and online. A small proportion of chicken sold in our other restaurants is also Halal and is not currently labelled when served. We continue to look at ways to offer chicken dishes which are guaranteed to be non-Halal.

Nando's serves only Halal chicken in the following selected restaurants:

### London (within M25)

[Balham](#), [Barking](#), [Bayswater](#), [Beckton](#), [Bethnal Green](#), [Brixton](#), [Croydon Valley](#), [Leisure Park](#), [Dalston](#), [Feltham](#), [Finsbury Park](#), [High Street Kensington](#), [Harrow - Station Road](#), [Hounslow](#), [Ilford](#), [Kilburn](#), [Kingsbury](#), [Mile End](#), [Park Royal](#), [Shepherds Bush](#), [South Harrow](#), [Stratford](#), [Tooting](#), [Walthamstow](#), [Wembley](#), [Wembley Park](#), [Whitechapel](#), [Wood Green](#).

<https://www.nandos.co.uk/halal#>

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## CERTIFIED HALAL MEATS

Due to the growing popularity of the SUBWAY® chain, with the diverse multicultural population across the UK and Ireland, we put a programme in place in 2007 to ensure that the population demographic is taken into account when new store openings are considered in order that we meet consumer demand in each location.

All our suppliers comply with EU animal welfare legislation as a minimum and we require suppliers of Halal products to adopt the stunning of animals prior to their slaughter. All Halal meats are certified by the appropriate Halal authorities.

All Halal SUBWAY® stores have numerous signs stating that they serve Halal food. These are situated on the menu panels, nutritional information and in the front window of the store.

### What is Halal?

In Arabic, the word Halal means "permitted" or "lawful" and defines anything that is allowed or lawful according to the Qur'an. It is often used in the context of food - especially meat - to indicate that the food has been prepared in accordance with Muslim principles and techniques.

### Who certifies the Halal meat?

All Halal meats are certified by The Islamic Foundation of Ireland or the Central Islamic Committee of

<http://www.subway.co.uk/menu/halal.aspx>



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## Halal Restaurants in London



If you're looking for a halal restaurant, you'll be spoilt for choice in London. Many London restaurants serve halal food, and some offer a strictly halal menu.

All of the London restaurants below serve halal dishes; some also serve alcohol. You can also search for a halal restaurant in your area at [www.zabihah.com](http://www.zabihah.com).

Category:

Other Restaurant

Sort by

List

Map

KFC

<https://www.kfc.co.uk/halal>

# Telecommunications

## Phone and internet

- ◆ UK country code is +44
- ◆ Pre-paid and postpaid
- ◆ Look around for best contract

## Television

- ◆ Need TV license
- ◆ Freeview
- ◆ Virgin Media and Sky TV (cable/paid)



# Health

- ◆ NHS provides free & subsidised treatment to international students
- ◆ Register with local doctor / GP
- ◆ [www.nhs.uk/ServiceSearch/GP/LocationSearch/4](http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceSearch/GP/LocationSearch/4)
- ◆ Documents required for registration:
  - *Passport*
  - *Student card*
  - *Proof of address*
  - *Photograph*
- ◆ Given a card with NHS number – bring for consultation/ appointment required
- ◆ Consider getting additional insurance!

# Medical Cost

## What's free for NHS patients?

- Consulting a GP
- Accident & emergency services (but not follow-up treatment, and admission as an in-patient in hospital)
- Family planning services
- Diagnosis & treatment of STD and/or other infectious diseases

## What's chargeable?

- Medicine prescribed by your doctor. Currently £8.40 per item.
- Eye tests and eye care; dental charges (£19.70 - £233.70)
- Vaccination (some free) and getting a sick certificate

Useful web site: [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

# Working in the UK

- ◆ full-time students allowed to work part-time (20hrs / week) during term time and full-time during vacation
- ◆ current minimum wage at £6.70 (21 years and above) or £5.30 (18 – 20 years) per hour
- ◆ [www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates](http://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates)
- ◆ [www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/work-visas](http://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/work-visas) remember to apply for Tier 2 (general) visa before your student visa expires, if you've been offered a skilled job in the UK

# Personal safety and the law

## ◆ Obeying the Law

- Follow local rules, law and respect all cultures
- Attend classes, don't work more than stipulated time
- Failure to follow the law could cause fine or cancellation of the visa

## ◆ Personal Safety

- UK is relatively safe and secure
- However, be alert, be aware and careful
- Dial 999 for emergency (police, fire or ambulance)



# Important Contacts

## Malaysian High Commission

45 – 46 Belgrave Square

London SW1X 8QT

Tel: +44 (0)20 7235 8033

## Malaysian Students Department

30 – 34 Queensborough Terrace

London W2 3ST

Tel: +44 (0)20 7985 1252

[www.educationmalaysia.co.uk](http://www.educationmalaysia.co.uk)

Email: [ea.sa@educationmalaysia.co.uk](mailto:ea.sa@educationmalaysia.co.uk)



# Returning home checklist

- Air ticket and departure details
- Bank account closed
- Addresses changed and mails diverted
- Accommodation contract terminated, deposit returned
- Mobile phone contracts terminated
- All outstanding bills paid
- Packing up – stuff to ship home

[study-uk.britishcouncil.org](https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org)

