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Short-term Study (STS) visa – Information Sheet

This guide should be used alongside the Policy Guidance as available [here](#):

The Short-term Study visa (STS) is suitable for any type of short courses under 6 calendar months in duration. It is for:

- Students aged 16 or above.
- For students under 18 you must also:
 - Have made arrangements for your travel and stay in the UK.
 - Have permission from your parent or guardian to study in the UK.
- For students aged 16 and over attending ONLY English language courses there is an 11-month category.

There are full details [here](#). It will also be useful for you to refer to the UKVI's document list before applying. It can be found [here](#):

Fees are currently:

- £97 for 6-month visa.
- £186 for an 11-month visa.
- You can stay for up to 30 days after the course has ended but must leave before the 6-month duration of the visit finishes; or whichever is sooner.
- You can undertake courses concurrently and consecutively as long as all courses can be completed within the 6-month validity period of the visa.

Intention to study: This could include the following:

- The offer letter and Confirmation of Enrolment letter for the course you have been accepted onto.
- Evidence of your whole study plan in the UK and any offer letters for follow-on courses.
- Details of where you intend to stay and your travel plans.

Source of funds: Evidence that you can support yourself during your studies in the UK, e.g. bank statements or payslips for the last 6 months for the financial sponsor who is supporting you financially for your studies in the UK.

- **Original** copies of all supporting documents are required.
- Please ensure **certified translation** copies of all documents that are not in English are provided.

Important Information on your arrival in the UK

- If you arrive in the UK without prior entry clearance **DO NOT** use the eGates for entry as you will need to see an officer on arrival to receive your passport stamp. If you do not see an officer and simply enter through the eGates you will have 30 days in which to leave the country and re-enter to get the correct permission for your STSV.
- If you are a non-visa national, you are not required to obtain prior Entry Clearance before travelling to the UK. Instead you can obtain the appropriate visa endorsement upon arrival in the UK. However, you still need to evidence the required documents. Click [here](#) to check if you are a non-visa national if you are not sure.
- If you enter via Dublin, and you haven't applied for a visa in your home country, you will encounter difficulties. Please visit [here](#): This issue is only a concern for students intending to get stamped in to the UK as an STS. It is recommended that non visa nationals avoid this route where possible however as it can cause an issue if the stamp is not administered correctly.

Tips:

- Submit an original copy of the Confirmation of Enrolment letter.
- STS requirements are different to Tier 4 but in terms of maintenance requirement, the Tier 4 rules could be used as a reference, i.e. the funds available to the applicant should cover the full tuition fees as well as accommodation fees and living costs depending on the course location - currently £1265/month for London and £1015/month for outside London.
- Evidence such as proof of relationship between the applicant and financial sponsors are required to support the visa application. This could include documents such as birth certificate or marriage certificate.
- Documents confirming applicant and/or their financial sponsor's employment status as well as their income could be useful evidence to support a successful application.
- Additional financial evidence relating to the applicant or their financial sponsor's personal circumstances could also be helpful to the visa application. This could include documents proving ownership of properties, shares, dividends, automobiles etc.
- Personal Statement elaborating the applicant's study plan and how the course benefits the applicant's education and career would be useful to aid Visa Office assessing the application.
- Short-term Study visa cannot be extended in the UK, therefore at the end of the course you must return home before applying for a new visa. This needs to be factored in the study plan as leaving sufficient gap between the courses in order for students to return home to apply for a new type of visa, if the study plan involves further studies in the UK.

If after reading this guidance you need further advice please contact a Welfare, Immigration and Funding Adviser (Student Support and Wellbeing), with your name, Student ID and the country you intend to make the application from, at the following address: sv.welfareandinternational@northumbria.ac.uk