



GETTING A STUDENT VISA WITH OUR COLLEGES

For many nationalities outside the European Economic Area (EEA), you will need to apply for a student visa in your country. There are **2 main types of adult student visa currently available to obtain with the help of our UK Colleges:**

Student Visitor Visa (SVV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For courses of 6 months or less • Students 18 years or over. (16-17 year olds need a Child visitor visa) • You are not allowed to work in the UK on this visa or bring in dependents • If you want to extend your visa, you have to apply back in your home country • You can enter the UK up to seven days before the start date of your course • You must study for a minimum of 15 hours per week • You can study at any level of English
Extended Student Visitor Visa (ESVV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available to students who want to study English on an English Language course between 6 to 11 months • Students need to show that they have enrolled on a course longer than 6 months • You are not allowed to work in the UK on this visa or bring in dependents • If you want to extend your visa, you have to apply back in your home country • You can enter the UK up to seven days before the start date of your course • You must study for a minimum of 15 hours per week • You can study at any level of English

To get either an SVV or ESVV you need to be able to show that:

- you are 18 or over;
- you intend to visit the UK for no more than 6 months (or 11 months if you will be undertaking an English Language course - see below). **YOU NEED A VISA LETTER FROM US FOR THIS (See below).**
- you intend to leave the UK at the end of your visit;
- you have enough money to support and accommodate yourself without working or help from public funds, or you and any dependants will be supported and accommodated by relatives or friends;
- you can meet the cost of the return or onward journey; and

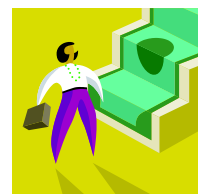


To obtain a visa letter from us:

Step 1 - Complete our **application form** that you can download from the website (or we send you by e-mail) and return to us by email or by post.

Step 2 - We will send you an **invoice** by e-mail showing the cost of the Course and our bank details

Step 3 - You will need to **pay a minimum of 50% of the Course fee** by bank transfer or by credit card over the phone. If you require accommodation, you will need to pay for at least the





first 4 weeks in advance. The rest of the course fee must be paid on your first day at Portsmouth, Southampton or Chichester Language College.

Step 4 - We will provide you with a Visa Letter (SVV or ESVV). We can scan and email it to you or post it.

Portsmouth Language College, Southampton Language College and Chichester Language College are British Council accredited Schools jointly licensed by the UK Border Agency to enrol international students under Tier 4 of the Points Based System.
Our Sponsor Licence Number is DJ5Y1PAW7.

Refund Policy – If you are unsuccessful in getting a visa, we will refund any money you have paid us except for a £50 administration fee and any bank charges we have to pay in order to transfer your money back. However, we must see a visa refusal letter. You can scan and email this to us.

When you are successful in getting a Student Visa...

- You have a responsibility to provide us on arrival with your passport and to keep us updated with your address and details in the UK.
- Your attendance must be regular and if you do not attend your course for 10 consecutive days, we have an obligation as your sponsor to report you to the UK Border Agency
 - You may have to Register with the Police. This means that you will have to go to a Police Station within a few weeks of arrival. Your passport/student identity card will state if you need to. We can help with this.



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For more information:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/studying/>

