

Graduate Route Step by Step Guide for UWS Students

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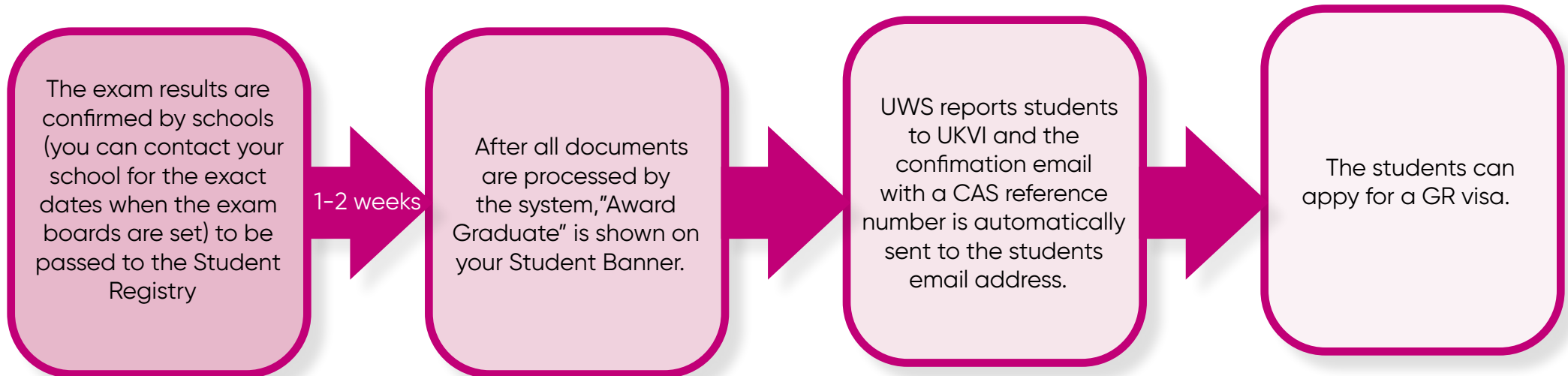


Part 1. Your Academic Results & When to Apply

Getting Results and Visa Application Timeline

If you wish to stay in the UK after completing your studies on a Graduate Route visa, you must make your Graduate Route visa application in the UK with a valid Student visa (previously known as Tier 4 visa). You should only apply for the Graduate route visa (GR visa) once UWS notifies UKVI of successful completion of your course: the exam results will have to be confirmed by schools first and passed to the Student Registry and then be reported to UKVI. The student would usually get a confirmation email from UWS within a few weeks after Award Graduate is shown on a student's banner. If your visa is about to expire within several days, you should be reported as soon as possible, and we advise you to book an appointment with an International Student Adviser before your visa expires if you are uncertain about your eligibility to apply for a GR visa. If you apply for a GR visa before you can see Award Graduate shown on your Banner, your visa will most likely be refused by UKVI and the visa fee will not be refunded.

Getting Your Results and Graduate Route Visa Application Timeline



Results After Visa/BRP Expires

If your school confirmed your results published after your visa expiry date, you are not eligible to apply for GR visa. UWS will then advise you to apply for an alternative visa route or leave the UK before your Student visa expires to comply with UKVI rules.

Please find more information on alternative routes, please visit [UKCISA Working after studies.](#)

Part 2. How to apply

Step 1

Check you are eligible

Step 2

Prepare funds and documents

Step 3

Wait for a notification from UWS

Step 4

Apply

Step 1. Check you are eligible

- You are in the UK
- You are in the UK on a Student Visa
- You have **sent your current immigration permission in the UK** to the Hub team at **hub@uws.ac.uk** or to **London@uws.ac.uk**. We need to hold your up-to-date immigration permission in to report you to UKVI as eligible for GR visa
- Your **results** (Award Graduate) will be published before your visa expiry date
- You will be successfully completing the programme of the same name as in your CAS. (Unless you have formally changed programme which has already been reported to UKVI).

Note: Students who are awarded **MSc in Combined Studies** will **not be eligible** to apply for GR visa

- You meet **12 months in the UK requirement** Graduate route - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
- If someone else is paying for your study programme, you have **permission to apply for GR visa from your sponsor** (e.g. government or a sponsor institution).

Part 2. How to apply continued

Step 2. Prepare

Prepare your funds

You will need to pay:
£715 - application fee

£624 - Immigration Health
Surcharge (IHS) for each
year
of the visa

If you have successfully
completed a bachelor's or
master's degree:
£1963 = £715 + £1248

If you have successfully
completed a PhD or DBA:
£2587 = £715 + £1872

You are not required to
show you have held the
funds for a specified period
of time but you must pay
your visa application fee
and IHS surcharge up front
to obtain your visa, so
please plan ahead.

Prepare your documents

You need a valid passport and
Biometric residence Permit (BRP)

Your Confirmation of Acceptance of
Studies (CAS) reference number - some
students may have had more than one
CAS during their programme of study, the
required CAS number will be stated in the
UWS email notification. Please note you
will NOT need a new CAS to apply for a
Graduate Route visa.

If you have been sponsored within the last
12 months you will have to provide a letter
from your sponsor noting that they give
their consent to your application. If your
dependants were included in any official
financial sponsorship they will also have
to show a letter giving their consent to the
application.

If you are applying with dependants who
are already in the UK with you you might be
asked to provide proof of your relationship
which could be a marriage or birth
certificate, or evidence you still live together
such as a council tax bill or other household
bill showing your address.

Online application with UKVI and ID Check app

You can create an account for yourself and if you
are applying with dependant children you will have
to create an account for them.

To create an account you will need:
**date of birth (DOB), passport, email address - you
should use your personal email address
and mobile phone number**

You could start your form but you should not
complete the application or pay until your
successful completion/award has been
confirmed by UWS, your sponsor,
and UWS have informed the UKVI.

Download the UK Immigration: ID Check' app

You will be required to prove your identity as part
of the application. Most applicants with a form of
biometric ID (biometric passport or BRP) will be able
to do this Using the 'UK Immigration: ID Check' app
- GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) which can be downloaded
on to most smart phones. If you are unable to
use the app for some reason you will be asked to
attend a UKVCAS application centre to provide your
photograph and fingerprints. The app will: check
that your identity document is genuine
and verify that the document belongs to you.

Part 2. How to apply continued

Step 3.

Wait for a notification email from UWS

To apply for GR visa you do not have to wait until your graduation or until you have received your certificate but you do need to wait for UWS to notify the UKVI of your successful completion.

UWS will email your student email address when UWS has reported you to UKVI and the email will also provide you with the relevant CAS reference number to make your application.

After you have received this notification you can complete your application and pay GR visa fees and IHS.

Step 4. Apply

You must apply online GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).

You should only apply (complete your application) once you receive UWS email with a CAS reference number confirming UWS have notified UKVI of your successful completion. You will have to submit separate applications following the same process for any dependants already with you in the UK. [Your partner and children](#) can also apply to stay in the UK if they are eligible. Dependants must make their applications separately either as your partner or your child. They will need information from you to complete their application successfully.

Please use the links to useful resources below to fill out the Graduate route visa application as UWS does not offer individual checks on your GR application. UWS will notify you if you are eligible and respond to any queries around your eligibility. If you have difficulty filling out your online application, we recommend you seek professional immigration advice (e.g. an immigration solicitor).

Part 3. After Graduate Route Visa Application

Awaiting a Decision

Once you have paid your visa fees your GR visa application is considered "pending" and you have the right to stay in the UK and continue with your life in the UK with the same conditions as per your previous permission (as per Student Visa).

Once you have applied online, proved your identity, and provided your documents you will usually receive a decision within 8 weeks of providing your biometrics. You should not leave the Common Travel Area (CTA) of the UK, the Crown Dependencies (Bailiwick of Jersey, Bailiwick of Guernsey and the Isle of Man) and Ireland whilst your application is being processed as it will make it invalid.

Whilst your application is pending you can continue to work under the conditions of your Student/Tier 4 visa until your Graduate Route visa is issued.

Receiving a Decision and BRP card / Digital Status

If you have applied using ID Check App you will likely to be granted digital status and be able to view and prove your rights in the UK digitally. You should make sure you keep your details up to date in your online account especially those of the travel documents or it could cause issues or delays in trying to prove your status. Nationals of certain countries will also be issued with a BRP card which you must use to exit and enter the UK.

Here is how you can [View and prove your immigration status - GOV.UK](#) and learn how to update your details and cross UK boarder with eVisa Using your [UK Visas and Immigration account - GOV.UK](#)

Once your visa has been issued you can:

- work in most jobs
- look for work
- be self-employed
- do voluntary work

On the GR visa you cannot:

- apply for most benefits (public funds), or the State Pension
- work as a professional sports person
- study (only some short-term language or professional courses may be allowed)

Part 4. GR Visa – Useful Guides and Additional Help

Graduate Route visa opened on 1 July 2021. In all cases, you must be in the UK with valid Student/Tier 4 permission and meet all the graduate route requirements when you apply.

- [Click here](#) to listen to one of our International Student Advisers, Jane Dickie talking about the Graduate Route.
- To join a Q&A session (10 min slot) or arrange a 30-min appointment with an International Student Adviser, please call the Hub on 0141 848 3800 (Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm) or e-mail hub@uws.ac.uk.
Q&A sessions are held every Mon, Thu & Fri (13:30-14:30) by Teams, students are admitted one by one (10-min slot)
Appointments are 30-min and are available Mon-Fri by Teams, Telephone or Zoom
- Please visit our [Eventbrite page](#) to join our information sessions.
- A quick [guide](#) to the Graduate Route visa can be downloaded from the UKVI website.
- The UKCISA website also has useful information on the [Graduate Route visa](#). UKCISA webpages for [Working after studies](#). UKCISA also operates a [telephone advice line](#).





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