

Brexit: Information for students studying at ESCP London Campus from January 2021

Can EU students coming to study in London for one semester use the EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) in the UK?

Students coming to the UK from an EU country to study for one semester who fall ill or have a medical emergency during a temporary stay in England can use a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) issued by their home country to access healthcare.

More information

Planned treatment is not covered by the EHIC.

Students coming to study for more than six months, including EU residents, will need to apply for a Student visa. As a part of the application, they will pay an Immigration Healthcare Surcharge and have access to NHS services during their stay.

Do EU students need to obtain visa to study for a period of 6 months or less?

EU students do not need to obtain a visa if they are coming to the UK for a period of 6 months or less. Please note that students are not allowed to do work placements or internships without a visa.

Do EU students need to obtain a visa if they plan to study in the UK for longer than 6 months? Yes, EU students will need to apply for Student Visa in advance. Please check the Home Office information: https://www.gov.uk/student-visa. This visa will allow EU students to study in the UK for longer than 6 months and undertake work placements or internships that are part of their programme at ESCP Business School.

Can EU students use any other travel document apart from passports in order to travel to the UK?

EU students can travel with their national ID cards until 30th September 2021. From 1st October 2021, passports will be requested to enter the UK.

Do EU students need to provide proof of English-language proficiency when applying for the Student Visa?

An applicant will meet the English-language requirement if they have obtained GCSEs, A levels or Scottish Highers in English while at school in the UK.

You do not need to provide English Proficiency if you are from the majority English Speaking Country or if you have completed Degree (RQF 6) from one of these countries: https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/knowledge-of-english

If you do not fall into these categories, EU students should provide one of the following:

- IELTS UKVI
- PEARSON PTE
- LANGUAGE CERT
- PSLSERVICES
- ESCP IN-HOUSE TEST (for more information please contact London Visa Team at visasupportlondon@escp.eu)

More information: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prove-your-english-language-abilities-with-a-secure-english-language-test-selt#find-an-approved-test

Do EU students who apply for the Student Visa need to provide evidence of living/maintenance funds?

EU nationals are classed as 'low risk' nationalities and are not required to provide proof of living/maintenance funds when applying for a visa. Nevertheless, the Home Office case officer might request these documents before making a decision on an application. In this case, students should show proof that they have access to funds to cover any outstanding fees for their plus maintenance funds (£1,334 per month but not more than 9 months). These funds should have been in the account for a consecutive 28-day period ending no more than 31 days before submission.

What are the associated fees for Student visas?

Students who apply from outside the UK must pay £348 for Home Office application fees. Students switching or extending the Student visa from inside the UK will need to pay £475 application fees. In addition to visa fees, all students must pay the Immigration Healthcare Surcharge which is currently £470 per year.

How quickly will I receive the decision about my Student Visa application?

If your application is made outside the UK, a decision will usually be made within 3 weeks. If your application is made inside the UK (extending or switching to Student Visa) a decision will usually be made within 8 weeks.

Depending on where you are when you apply, there may be services (Super Priority and Priority) available to speed up the visa application process. There may be an additional cost to use these services.

I would like to do part of my internship in the UK. What visa do I need to be able to do so? If you consider undertaking an internship in the UK, we recommend you study at the London Campus for at least 2 semesters. That way, ESCP can sponsor you for a Student visa that will allow you to do work for no longer than 50% of the study period. It means that if you come for two semesters (8 months), you will be able to do 4 months of internship.

EU, EEA and Swiss students who obtained Settled or Pre-Settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme can undertake internships/work placements without any limitations.