

Student Route Visa Information

Overseas students coming to the UK to study full-time must apply for a student visa. You can check whether you need to apply for a Student Visa [here](#).

Northern School of Contemporary Dance (NSCD) is a licensed Student Visa sponsor.

Step by Step Guide to your Student Visa Application

1. Apply for one of the following NSCD courses:

- Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE) Contemporary Dance
- Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE) Cultural Dance Forms
- BA(Hons) Dance (Contemporary)
- MA Contemporary Dance Performance: VERVE
- MA Interdisciplinary Dance Performance
- MA Dance and Creative Enterprise
- MA Dance Teaching & Facilitating

2. If your application/audition is successful NSCD will issue a Conditional Offer Letter to you. Your offer will be 'conditional' until we receive all the required documents from you. These conditions are likely to be:

- **Your academic entry qualifications**
- **Your English language entry qualification (if English is not your first language).**
- **Financial evidence that you have sufficient funds available to pay your course fees and support yourself in the UK for 1 academic year. You will not be required to pay the total course fee in advance but you will need to show that you do have the funds available (see full details on page 2)**

3. If you wish to accept your offer you will need to complete the Online Acceptance Form which will be explained in your offer letter. As part of the acceptance, you will need to:

- Upload a colour photocopy of the **photo page** of your passport

If you are planning to apply for a new passport it is essential that you do this prior to sending this to NSCD. The passport number that we use to issue your Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS) must be the same that you use in your Student Visa application.

- Pay a **Course Fee Deposit of £1500** which will be deducted from the first instalment of your course fees. Information on how to pay will be detailed in your offer letter. Course fee deposits are refundable within 14 days of submitting the NSCD Acceptance Form under your right to cancel your contract: Consumer Contract (Information, Cancellation and Additional Payments) Regulations 2013.

4. If you accept your offer NSCD will send you details about how to submit your documentary proof for the conditions listed in your offer letter as soon as you are able to; for many people this means waiting for exam results from your current course.

Financial Evidence

See the Gov.UK webpage [Financial Evidence](https://www.gov.uk/financial-evidence) for full details about providing evidence to show that you have sufficient funds available to pay your course fees and support yourself in the UK for one academic year. You will need to submit this evidence to NSCD who will then issue your Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS). You will need this CAS from us before you can apply for your Student Visa.

Nationals from some countries are [exempt from showing financial evidence](#) as part of their Student Visa application. However, it is important to understand that NSCD does require financial evidence of tuition fee funds from all nationalities prior to issuing the CAS. Students from the exempt counties will not need to provide evidence of living cost funds.

Financial Evidence is required as follows:

- Tuition Fee for year one of a three year course or total of a one year course. The current tuition fees for each course are available at: <https://www.nscd.ac.uk/study/fees-finance/> and (if not from an exempt country)
- Living costs for 9 months at £1,023 per month = £9,207. (based on current information available at <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/money>)

You need to provide this evidence by sending NSCD one of the following:

- an official financial or government sponsorship or grant
- a student loan from a government, government sponsored loan company, or a regulated student loans
- scheme
- your own money (see bank statement details required below)
- your parent's money (if they provide a letter confirming they agree to you using it this way) (see bank statement details required below)

Bank Statement Details:

You, or the account holder (such as your parents or partner), must have control of the funds you are relying on. If you are required to show proof of living costs you must show the funds have been held for 28 days. The bank statement(s) you use to show the funds must have been available for at least 28 consecutive days.

If your nationality also requires you to submit Financial Evidence with your Student Visa application you must ensure that the bank statement is not older than 31 days at the point of application. As the earliest that you can apply for your visa is 6 months before the course start date and because your bank statement must be the same document that we, NSCD, approved please do not submit this to us earlier than 6 months.

5. NSCD will then check your passport, entry qualifications and financial evidence documents and if we are satisfied that they meet the UK Visa and Immigration requirements we will

- Send you an unconditional offer
- Send you a Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS) reference number.
- Send you the address of the UK from the post office where you will collect your Biometric residence Permit when you arrive in the UK.

6. Submit a Student Visa application using the same documents that you submitted to NSCD and the CAS reference number that we issued to you. To apply visit [Student visa : Overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The Student Visa costs

- £490 to apply for a Student visa from outside the UK
- £490 to extend or switch to a Student visa from inside the UK

You will also have to pay the **immigration healthcare surcharge** as part of your application. Check how much you'll have to pay before you apply using this [calculator](#).

7. Inform NSCD of the outcome of your visa application as soon as you receive it.

8. A travel document called a '30 day vignette' will be attached to your passport. You must check this and arrive in the UK before it expires.

9. On arrival at the UK border you will be asked to show your passport with visa. Border officials may also ask to see the same documents that you used in your visa application so you should carry them in your hand luggage.

10. Collect your Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) within 10 days of arrival in the UK from the post office you are asked to use. Failure to do so can result in a financial penalty or at worst have your permission to stay in the UK revoked. Some students will not have a BRP and will instead receive a digital immigration status. You can check if this applies to you [here](#). **To note, all Student Route Visas will be digitised after 31st December 2024 and BRPs will no longer be issued.** Any BRPs issued before then will automatically switch and the student does not have to take any action, other than providing a share code if asked.

11. Enrol at NSCD and present your passport, original copies of your entry qualifications and your Biometric Residence Permit/provide your [Share Code](#). NSCD will take copies and return them to you immediately.

12. Ensure you meet your Student Visa conditions and responsibilities which will be fully explained to you at enrolment.

Contact admissions@nscd.ac.uk at any point if you have any questions