

## Identify Checks and Proof of your Right to Study in the UK

### Required Documentation

You'll need to bring your original documents along to be checked in person and scanned, before you can start studying with us inside the UK.

It is your responsibility to provide documentation that proves you have the right to study your Essex course in the UK, failure to do so may mean you are unable to start or continue your course.

#### UK or Irish nationals

Identity Documents Required	UK Immigration documents required (all documents must be originals unless specified)
<p>British, UK or Irish Citizen passport or Irish passport card or;</p> <p><b>If you were born inside the UK/Ireland and are a British national but don't have a British, UK or Irish passport, we will require two documents from the following list:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Birth or adoption certificate issued in the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man or Ireland including name of parent(s)</li><li>• Current UK driving licence</li><li>• Student Loans Company tuition fee loan confirmation (electronic/good quality paper copy accepted)</li><li>• Disclosure and Barring Service Certificate*</li><li>• Benefits paperwork issued by HMRC, Job Centre Plus or a UK local authority*</li></ul> <p>*dated within the last 3 months</p> <p><b>If you are a British or Irish national but were not born in the UK or Ireland, you must provide your British Citizen, UK or Irish passport. No alternative documents can be accepted.</b></p>	<p>No additional documents required unless you were born outside the UK/Ireland, in which case you'll need to provide a British/Irish passport or proof of your British Citizenship.</p> <p>Note: If you have a British National Overseas (BNO); British Overseas Territories Citizen or British Overseas Citizen passport you'll need a visa or other immigration status documents, read the section for those from outside the UK/Ireland.</p> <p>If you have Indefinite leave to enter or remain or settlement and have not been granted British Citizenship, we will require evidence of your UK immigration status, please see the relevant section below.</p>

## I'm from outside the UK/Ireland

Your UK Immigration Status	Identity Documents	UK Immigration documents required (all documents must be originals unless specified)
<b>EU Settlement Scheme Settled or Pre-settled status</b>	Valid EEA/Swiss passport or national identity card (that you used to enter the UK)	<p><b>If you have been issued with digital immigration status/e:visa:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You'll need to provide us with a share code that you can obtain via the government website: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status">https://www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status</a>. Please note: we cannot accept the right to work or right to rent share code.</li> </ul> <p><b>If you have been issued with a physical Biometric Residence Permit card</b> (usually applies to those who do not have a biometric passport):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You will need to bring the BRP</li> </ul> <p><b>If you have an application pending:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You will need to bring a copy of your Certificate of Application confirming you've applied and have right to study whilst awaiting the outcome in the UK.</li> </ul>
<b>Student visa</b>  <b>UoE Sponsor Licence Number: THHCP1YV6</b>	Valid passport  If your passport is with the Home Office, because you made your student visa application in the UK, we'll accept a good quality colour photograph/photocopy.	<p>You'll need to bring your <b>CAS statement</b> (electronic or paper) and your <b>UK address/contact details</b> (electronic or paper) and the following <b>immigration documents:</b></p> <p><b>EEA/Swiss nationals with digital immigration status/e:visa:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You'll need to provide us with a share code that you can obtain via the government website: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status">https://www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status</a>. Please note: we cannot accept the right to work or right to rent share code and;</li> <li>Airline ticket/booking pass proving you arrived in the UK on or after the date your Student visa is valid from or date of entry stamp in your passport.</li> </ul> <p><b>Other nationals who applied overseas:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entry Clearance vignette (sticker in your passport) and;</li> <li>Airline ticket/booking pass proving you arrived in the UK on or after the valid from date on your EC vignette (electronic or paper) and;</li> <li>Biometric Residence Permit, valid for the duration of your course (you'll collect this when you arrive in the UK) or, if your BRP isn't available, your UKVI letter showing when and where your BRP is available to collect.</li> </ul> <p><b>If you applied in the UK:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biometric Residence Permit, valid for the duration of your course (this will be sent to your UK address) or, if you haven't received your BRP yet;</li> <li>Original or copy of previous Biometric Residence Permit and;</li> <li>A complete copy of your application form showing fee paid, date submitted to the Home Office (must be before your last leave expired) and University of Essex as your sponsor.</li> </ul> <p>Note: If you haven't applied yet or have a partially completed application, you won't be able to study with us.</p>

<p><b>Visit visa</b></p> <p>Only suitable for short courses that are up to six months long in total.</p> <p>You cannot study a full-time degree course as a visitor.</p>	<p>Valid passport</p>	<p><b>If you applied overseas:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visitor entry clearance vignette (sticker in your passport) valid for the duration of your course and;</li> <li>• Airline ticket/booking proving you arrived in the UK on or after the valid from date on your EC vignette (electronic or paper version)</li> </ul> <p><b>If you were granted entry at the UK Border:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visitor stamp in your passport or;</li> <li>• If you entered the UK via an e:gate you'll need to show us your airline ticket/booking proving date you arrived in the UK.</li> </ul> <p>Note: date of entry must be no more than 6 months before the end date of your course.</p>
<p><b>Other types of limited leave to enter or remain</b></p> <p>i.e. Skilled Worker/Dependants</p>	<p>Valid passport</p>	<p><b>EEA/Swiss nationals with digital immigration status/e:visa:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You'll need to provide us with a share code that you can obtain via the government website: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status">https://www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status</a>. Please note: we cannot accept the right to work sharecode.</li> </ul> <p><b>If you applied overseas:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entry Clearance vignette (sticker in your passport) and;</li> <li>• Airline ticket/booking proving you arrived in the UK on or after the valid from date on your EC vignette (electronic or paper version) and;</li> <li>• Biometric Residence Permit (you'll collect this when you arrive in the UK)</li> </ul> <p><b>If you applied in the UK:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biometric Residence Permit (this will be sent to your UK address) or, if you haven't received it yet,</li> <li>• Original or copy of Biometric Residence Permit and;</li> <li>• A complete copy of your application form showing fee paid and date submitted to the Home Office (must be before your last leave expired)</li> </ul> <p>Note: although you may be able to study with us it is important that you maintain your immigration status and do not breach your conditions. If your leave expires before the end date of your course you will need to extend it by the expiry date and register at your own risk.</p>
<p><b>British National (Overseas) visa – Hong Kong</b></p>	<p>Valid passport</p>	<p>You will be given digital immigration status/e:visa and will need to provide us with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a share code that you can obtain via the government website: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status">https://www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status</a>. Please note: we cannot accept the right to work or right to rent share code.</li> </ul>

<p><b>British National Overseas or; British Overseas Territories Citizen or; British Overseas Citizen with a Certificate of Entitlement</b></p>	<p>Valid passport</p>	<p>Check the <a href="#">Home Office website</a> to see if you need UK immigration permission to study with us. If your parents were born in the UK, you may automatically be a British citizen or be entitled to apply but we'll need to see a valid document to prove your immigration status.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of Entitlement to study in the UK</li> <li>• If you have another type of immigration permission, see the relevant category in this table.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Indefinite Leave or Permission to Enter or;</b></p> <p><b>Indefinite Leave or Permission to Remain or;</b></p> <p><b>Settlement in the UK (for EU Settlement see above) or;</b></p> <p><b>Refugee status</b></p>	<p>Passport</p> <p>For Refugees, a Refugee travel document or other photographic ID, if you don't have a passport.</p>	<p>You'll need to provide us with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vignette (sticker in your passport) or;</li> <li>• Biometric Residence Permit or, if you don't have one, a letter from the Home Office confirming the grant of your leave or that you have a pending valid application.</li> </ul> <p>Note: A refugee convention travel document is not evidence of UK immigration status.</p>
<p><b>I've applied for British Citizenship</b></p>	<p>Valid passport</p>	<p><b>If you applied overseas:</b> You will need to bring your Certificate of British Citizenship which will be issued after you've attended the ceremony or your UK/British Citizen Passport.</p> <p><b>If you applied in the UK:</b> We'll need evidence of your current UK Immigration status, for instance, Indefinite Leave to Remain (see relevant section) and;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a letter/email from the Home Office confirming your citizenship application was submitted and is pending.</li> </ul> <p>You'll need to let us know when you've received the outcome to your application, and we'll change your nationality to British on your student record.</p>
<p><b>I'm applying for further leave to remain/permission to stay in the UK</b></p> <p><b>(not Student route)</b></p>	<p>Valid passport or;</p> <p>If your passport is with the Home Office, because you made your student visa application in the UK, we'll accept a good quality colour copy.</p>	<p>You'll need to provide us with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biometric Residence Permit or good quality colour copy;</li> </ul> <p>Letter/email from the Home Office confirming when your application was submitted.</p>

**This is not an exhaustive list of immigration types as there are many. If you are unsure bring your passport, BRP if you have one and, any letters you may have from the Home Office.**

## Frequently asked questions

<b>I have a residence permit for another European country, not the UK, is that ok?</b>	A residence permit for somewhere other than the UK does not give you the right to live and study inside the UK. You'll need immigration permission to study in the UK. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa">https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa</a>
<b>I have dual nationality, European plus elsewhere, do I need a visa?</b>	If you entered the UK before 31 December 2020, you should have applied for <a href="#">settlement</a> . If you are entering the UK on or after 1 January 2021, you'll need immigration permission to study in the UK.
<b>I was born outside the UK and I have settled status. However, I can't find the evidence.</b>	If you are unable to locate documents in a reasonable time, we may be able to check your immigration status with the Home Office. You'll need to contact our <a href="#">International Services Team</a> . You won't be able to study until we receive confirmation that you have valid immigration permission that allows you to study with us and we must have that before the latest date the University requires you to be registered for this academic year.
<b>Can I provide you with a letter/email from my lawyer?</b>	A letter/email from a lawyer or 3 <sup>rd</sup> party is not evidence of your immigration status. You will need to obtain documents as mentioned above. If you are unable to locate documents in a reasonable time, we may be able to check with the Home Office. You'll need to contact our <a href="#">International Services Team</a> . You won't be able to study until we receive confirmation that you have valid immigration permission that allows you to study with us and we must have that before the latest date the University requires you to be registered for this academic year.