How to apply
You must be outside the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man to apply for your visa. Go to www.visa4UK.fco.gov.uk
You will need to:
- register for an account
- fill in the application form in English
- pay for the visa fee online (in most cases)
- print out your form
- book and attend an appointment at a visa application centre and provide your biometric information (fingerprints and photograph)

You also need to:
- have all the supporting documents you need for your visa
- translate any supporting documents and include them with the originals if they are not in English

Always check our website for full details.

Additional services
We offer a range of premium services to offer you additional speed and flexibility such as:
- Super priority visa service
- Priority visa service
- Premium service lounge
- Prime time appointments
- SMS service

For more information please visit www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa

Did you know?
95% of business visitor visa applications are successful.
The UK currently processes 96% of non-settlement visa applications within 15 working days.
There are over 200 visa application centres around the world.

For further information on UK visas and our priority and premium services, please visit: www.gov.uk/visas-immigration
Business visit visa

Business visit visas are usually suitable if you are planning a short trip to the UK, for less than six months to carry out activities usually relating to your profession overseas. You can apply for a visa as:
- a business or academic visitor – e.g. if you are coming to the UK for conferences, meetings, training or academic research
- a sports visitor, typically taking part in a specific activity or event
- an entertainer, typically taking an individual amateur entertainer or an amateur group role
- a prospective entrepreneur
- a visitor undertaking a ‘permitted paid engagement’ (you must have been invited to the UK because of your talents or expertise) – you can only stay for up to 1 month

'High value' workers (Tier 1)

A 'high value worker' visa may be suitable if you are:
- an investor
- an entrepreneur
- a graduate entrepreneur
- a leader in arts or sciences

Temporary workers (Tier 5)

A 'temporary worker' visa may be suitable if you want work in the UK for a short time, typically less than 24 months:
- in sports
- in arts or entertainment – you will need to meet the eligibility requirements of the creative workers category
- in a work experience training or research role
- for a charity – doing unpaid voluntary work
- for a religious organisation – e.g. preaching or working in a religious order

You can also apply for an international agreement visa if you will be doing work covered by international law while in the UK (e.g. working for a foreign government or as a private servant in a diplomatic household).

Investing in the UK

UK Trade & Investment is the Government Department that helps UK-based companies succeed in the global economy. The department helps overseas companies bring their high-quality investment to the UK’s dynamic economy, acknowledged as Europe’s best place from which to succeed in global business. To find out more visit www.gov.uk/ukti.

The UK is a great place to work, do business and invest. Whether you are planning a short trip, or want to work in the UK for a longer period, the type of visa you apply for will depend on your individual circumstances. You can find full details, and a tool to help you choose the right visa for you, on our website. Each category has its own set of rules, and the website will tell you what you can and cannot do on each visa.