

# Eduwiz Visa Preparation Guide for International Students

## Introduction

Applying for a student visa can feel complicated, but careful preparation makes the process smooth and successful. This guide outlines what to prepare, how to apply, and useful tips to help you stay organised and confident throughout your visa journey.

## 1. Understand Your Visa Type

Before applying, make sure you know which visa you need:

- - UK: Student Visa (previously Tier 4)
- - USA: F-1 Student Visa
- - Canada: Study Permit
- - Australia: Student Subclass 500
- - Europe: Schengen or national student visa (depending on the country)

Eduwiz advisors can help confirm which visa type and documents you need for your destination.

## 2. Prepare Key Documents

Gather all the required paperwork before starting your online application. Typical documents include:

- - A valid passport (with at least 6 months before expiry)
- - Official university or school offer letter
- - CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies) – for UK applicants
- - Visa application form (completed online)
- - Visa application fee and health surcharge (where applicable)
- - Proof of funds – bank statements or financial sponsor letter showing you can pay tuition and living costs
- - Accommodation details or letter of residence
- - Academic certificates and transcripts
- - English test results (IELTS, TOEFL, or equivalent)
- - Passport-sized photographs (meeting visa photo specifications)
- - TB test certificate (for certain countries)
- - Visa appointment confirmation slip

Make copies of everything – both digital and printed.

## 3. Applying for Your Visa

- Step 1: Complete your online visa application form carefully.
- Step 2: Pay the visa and health surcharge fees (keep payment confirmation).

- Step 3: Book your biometric appointment at an authorised Visa Application Centre (VAC).
- Step 4: Submit your documents and attend your appointment.
- Step 5: Track your application online and wait for your decision.

Most student visas take between 2 to 6 weeks, depending on the country and time of year.

#### 4. Financial Proof and Sponsorship

Visa officers must see that you can pay for your tuition and living costs. You can show this through:

- - Bank statements in your name or your parent's name (with a sponsor letter)
- - Proof of scholarship or sponsorship
- - Letter from your bank confirming the funds are available

Funds should generally cover at least:

- - Tuition fees for one year
- - Living costs (country-specific minimums apply)

#### 5. Interview Preparation (if required)

Some students may be asked to attend a visa interview. Be prepared to:

- - Explain why you chose your course and destination
- - Describe your future goals
- - Show knowledge of your university and subject
- - Demonstrate that you will return home after your studies (for non-immigrant visas)

Tip: Stay calm, confident, and answer honestly.

#### 6. After You Receive Your Visa

Once your visa is approved:

- - Check all visa details (name, dates, institution) for accuracy
- - Print multiple copies of your visa letter and approval notice
- - Book your flight and confirm arrival arrangements
- - Inform your Eduwiz advisor and your school/university of your arrival date
- - Pack all visa documents in your hand luggage for travel

#### 7. Travel and Arrival Checklist

- - Passport with visa
- - CAS or admission letter
- - Financial proof (bank statements, sponsor letter)
- - Accommodation confirmation
- - Contact details of your school and Eduwiz representative

- - Copies of all key documents (keep one in your checked luggage and one in your hand luggage)

## 8. Common Mistakes to Avoid

- - Submitting incomplete or incorrect documents
- - Using outdated financial statements
- - Waiting too late to apply (apply at least 2–3 months before travel)
- - Forgetting to check visa validity dates
- - Ignoring emails from the visa office or your school

## 9. Eduwiz Tips for Success

- - Start Early: Apply as soon as your school issues your offer or CAS.
- - Stay Organised: Keep a visa folder for all documents and receipts.
- - Be Honest: Any false information can result in refusal or a travel ban.
- - Stay in Touch: Eduwiz staff are here to help you with every step — from CAS to flight booking.
- - Plan Ahead: Always double-check entry requirements for your country of study.

## 10. Need Help?

If you have any questions, contact your Eduwiz representative. They can support you with:

- - Checking documents before submission
- - Booking visa appointments
- - Reviewing your financial proof
- - Preparing for interviews
- - Tracking your application