

FACTSHEET – Visas for new-born babies - to Tier 4 students

Being born in the UK **does not** automatically give British citizenship to the baby. In order to be classed British, the baby needs to have a parent with British citizenship or settled status in the UK.

It is advisable that a baby born in the UK to a Tier 4 student should apply for Tier 4 dependent visa as from April 2015 babies born in the UK are not entitled to free healthcare from the age of 3 months old. Similarly, if the baby travels abroad, they will need immigration permission (visa) to re-enter the UK.

Therefore in order to access healthcare, parents of babies born in the UK will need to make an immigration application within the first 3 months of the child's life and pay the [Immigration Health Surcharge](#).

Eligibility criteria

Babies born to Tier 4 students can apply for leave to remain in the UK or entry clearance as a student dependant if:

- both the child's parents are in the UK or
- both the child's parents are applying at the same time as the child or
- one parent has sole responsibility for the child's upbringing or
- the other parent has died.

For further detail about having dependants in the UK, please see [advice from UKCISA](#).

Making the application

If your baby is applying inside the UK and on their own, you should use [this online application](#).

Documents required

The type of documents required can vary but generally speaking you will need the following documents:

- 2 x new passport size of the baby
- Original birth certificate of the baby – showing parents' names
- Original passport for the baby
- Copies of student/parent's Tier 4 visa and passport
- Financial documents – see below

- i. **If parent/student is sponsored by their government:** a new sponsor letter showing baby's name (if the parent or Tier 4 student is sponsored by their government)
 - ii. **If parent/student is self-funded:** the bank statement of parent. The statement must show at least £6120 saved in the account for minimum 28 continuous days
- A student status letter from iPoint (Student Central)
 - Completed online application (see link above)

When the above steps are complete, attend one of the term-time [Immigration Drop-in Sessions](#) (Mon & Wed 1200-1300 and Fri 1100-1200). For out of term advice, please [contact the Immigration team](#) for an appointment.

Related links

[UKCISA website](#)

Note: The UKVI immigration requirements can change at a short notice. The University of Huddersfield and its staff cannot guarantee that the visa application will be successful or take responsibility for any decisions made by the UKVI.