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](#)