

Graduate visa application guide



About this guide

This guide is intended to help graduates applying for a Graduate visa from within the UK.

This document should be used for guidance only. Information provided here is correct at the time it is published (March 2026), however, the UK Visas and Immigration regulations change frequently. We cannot take responsibility for visa applications submitted because of this guidance.

Before you start the application, please ensure to familiarise yourself with the information on the [Graduate visa route](#) provided by the UKVI.

Please note that we are unable to assist you with your Graduate visa application since it is an unsponsored Immigration route visa.

If you need help with your online application, you may [contact UKVI](#).

Setting up an account

Before you can start an application, you need to answer a range of questions to create an account.

Please choose the relevant answer.

Where are you planning to live?

- England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland
- Jersey, Guernsey or the Isle of Man

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Do you have a current EU, EEA or Swiss passport?

The EEA includes the EU countries and Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway

Yes No

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▶ [Should I apply to the EU Settlement Scheme instead?](#)

If you answered “**yes**”, go to [page 7](#).

If your answer was “**no**” go to the next page.

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Do you have a valid UK biometric residence permit (BRP)?

You will need your BRP to confirm your identity. If you have lost your BRP, select No.

Yes No

[Continue](#)

Please choose the relevant answer. If you have a BRP which expired less than 18 months ago, you can still use it to confirm your identity in the UK Immigration ID check app. If you don't have a BRP, you will be directed to submit a different application where you are required to book a biometrics appointment.

Has your biometric residence permit (BRP) expired?

This means your BRP 'valid until' date is in the past.

Yes No

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Answer "yes" as all BRPs have now expired.

When did your biometric residence permit (BRP) expire?

- It expired less than 18 months ago
- It expired more than 18 months ago

[Continue](#)

Check the expiry date of your BRP and answer accordingly. If your BRP expired more than 18 months ago, you will need to book a biometrics appointment after completing an online form.

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Have you ever provided your fingerprints for a UK visa application?

Select no if you were a child aged 4 or younger at that time.

Yes No

Continue

Answer accordingly.

Is your name on your biometric residence permit the same as on your current passport?

Yes No

Continue

If your name has changed since you received your BRP, you will need to book and attend a biometrics appointment as part of the visa application process.

Check you can use the app

You can use the app on:

- an iPhone 7 or newer models
- an Android phone with near-field communication (NFC)

Check the phone's settings to see if it has NFC. The phone has NFC if you can use it to make contactless payments.

If you do not have a phone

Ask a friend or family member if you can use their phone. No information is stored on the app or phone after you close it.

You do not have to apply on the phone - you can do the rest of your application on your computer or another device.

We will send your decision letter by email – this can be your email or someone else's. You do not use your decision letter to prove your status.

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Create a UK Visas and Immigration account

To use this service, you need to create an account.

Once you have an account, you can use it to confirm your identity, apply and use other Home Office services.

What you need

You will need your:

- date of birth
- passport
- email address
- phone number

If you need to give someone application access so they can apply for you, you also need their email address and phone number.

Who can create an account

You can create an account for yourself or someone else in some cases - for example, your young child.

[Create an account](#)

[I need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme](#)

Sign in

If you applied before October 2020, you do not have an account (unless you applied to the EU Settlement Scheme).

To sign in, you need your identity document number and date of birth, and access to your phone or email.

[Sign in](#)

If you see this screen, it is likely that you already have a UKVI account. You need to sign in using the document linked to your UKVI account.

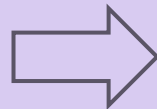
Sign in

Which identity document do you use to sign in to your UKVI account?

This is usually the document you used when you created your account. If you have added a new document to your account, use the most recent document to sign in.

- Passport
- National identity card
- Biometric residence card or permit
- or
- I use a UKVI customer number

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Setting up an account

Apply as a Graduate

Unique application number (UAN):

Date started: 10 March 2026

 [Download application \(PDF copy\)](#)

If you no longer want to continue, [delete this application](#).

1. Identity and contact

Confirm your identity	In progress
Immigration adviser details	Cannot start yet
Contact preferences	Cannot start yet
Other names and nationalities	Cannot start yet

2. Prepare application

Your location	Cannot start yet
Eligibility	Cannot start yet
Personal details	Cannot start yet
Travel history	Cannot start yet
Family and relationships	Cannot start yet
People applying with you	Cannot start yet
Account security questions	Cannot start yet
Declaration	Cannot start yet

3. Pay and submit application

Immigration health surcharge	Cannot start yet
Application payment	Cannot start yet

4. Provide evidence

Evidence upload	Cannot start yet
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After you have signed in, you will see the sections you need to complete to submit the application. You need to answer in order as you cannot proceed to the next question if there are any previous incomplete sections. Further in the guide, you will see the questions you must answer. Please note that they may be in a different order.

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Your location

Are you in the UK?

Yes No

When did you first arrive in the UK on your current visa?

[Check the date](#) by which you must have entered the UK to be eligible for this route

Enter the date in the format DD MM YYYY

Day Month Year

Save and continue

You need to be in the UK when you apply for a Graduate visa. Check the stamps in your passport, if applicable, or your flight tickets for the date you entered the UK. If your current permission is leave to remain, you will need to check the entry date on your previous leave to enter permission. You can also check previous boarding passes and flight bookings.

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Other Home Office applications

Do you currently have an application with the Home Office for leave to remain for which you have not yet received a decision?

If you have submitted any other applications to the Home Office which have not yet been decided then submitting this application varies those previous applications. This means that only this application, which you are now completing, will now be considered.

Yes No

Save and continue

Choose the relevant answer here.

Register an email

Enter an email address and password so you can save your answers. You will then be emailed a unique link to let you log back in to your application at a later point, if needed.

Throughout your application, you can select the option to 'Return to this application later' in order to re-send the link to your latest saved application.

Emails sent to this address may contain personal sensitive information. We will send a verification email to this email address. This email address must be verified by clicking the link in the verification email before the application can be submitted

Email address

Create a password

Your password must be 10 characters or longer and must contain at least 3 of the following:

- uppercase letter
- lowercase letter
- a number
- a symbol

Repeat your password

[Save and continue](#)

Registration email address

Who does this email belong to?

- The applicant
- An immigration adviser based in the UK
- Someone else

[Save and continue](#)

[Return to this application later](#)

[Show and edit answers](#)

The email you use to register an account will be used for further communication by UKVI including informing you of your visa decision – please make sure you enter this correctly.
You will also use this email to log back onto your visa application form.

Immigration adviser

Do you have an immigration adviser based in the UK?

Immigration advisers can advise you on matters relating to immigration and citizenship. For more information, click [here](#).

Yes No

[Save and continue](#)

[Return to this application later](#)

[Show and edit answers](#)

Please choose “no” as this question refers to certified immigration solicitors, unless you are being advised by a solicitor.

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Check your answers

Check the information below before you continue to the next section.

Make sure you check your answers before you proceed.

Application

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Applicant(s)

Once the questions for the main applicant have been completed, you will be able to add additional applicants to this application, such as a family member or dependant

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The applicant

Not started

Answer questions about this applicant

[Return to this application later](#)

Now you are ready to start your application. You do not need to submit the application in one go. You can pause it and return to it later using a link you received via email once you registered your email address in one of the first steps in the application.

Course

Have you successfully completed your course?

You must have received notification that you have passed your course

Yes No

Save and continue

You can apply for a Graduate visa if

- ✓ You have successfully completed your course and,
- ✓ Your results have been reported to UKVI by the Compliance team and,
- ✓ You have received an email from them confirming your eligibility.

Application

Doctorate Extension Scheme

Have you previously been granted permission under the Doctorate Extension Scheme?

The Doctorate Extension Scheme operated as part of the Student route and gave students completing a PhD or other doctoral qualifications a non-extendible 12 months period of permission from the expected completion date of their course

Yes No

Save and continue

Answer accordingly to your circumstances.

Your name

Enter your name, as shown in your current passport or travel document. Use the English spelling of your name where provided.

Your given name is usually your first name. If you have middle names, include these with your given name. If your name has a suffix (e.g. Jr), include this with your given name. If you have a patronymic name include it with your given names. You must tell us all your given names.

[I do not have a current passport or travel document](#)

Title

Given name(s)

Your given name is usually your first name.

Family name

Your family name is the surname shared by your family.

[I do not have both a given name and a family name](#)

Save and continue

Any other names

In addition to the names already provided, are you now or have you ever been known by another name?

You must provide all your names. For example, if you changed your name after marriage or have a different name that you use for professional purposes.

Yes No

Save and continue

Provide your name as it appears on your passport and provide any other names you have been known by before, if applicable.

Application

[REDACTED]'s contact email

Can we use this email address to contact you?

[REDACTED]

If possible, we will use this email as your correspondence address. We will use this to contact you about your application and may use it to contact you about your immigration status after your application has been decided. If your application is successful, we may issue a [biometric residence permit \(BRP\)](#) to you. We will use this email address to make the arrangements to deliver the BRP to you. Emails may go to your spam, junk or trash folders.

You must notify us immediately if your email changes. [Find out how to change your details here.](#)

Yes No

[Save and continue](#)

You need to use the email you have constant access to.

[REDACTED]'s telephone number

Provide your telephone number

Only include numbers, and for international numbers include the country code. We may contact you by telephone if we have any further questions about your application, or about your immigration status after your application has been decided. This may be a home, work or mobile number.

You must notify us immediately if the contact telephone number you provide as part of this application changes. [Find out how to change your details here.](#)

I cannot be contacted by telephone

Where do you use this telephone number?

You can select more than one option

For use whilst in the UK

For use whilst out of the UK

[Save and continue](#)

Provide your correct telephone number including the country code and answer the subsequent questions according to your circumstances.

[REDACTED]'s postal address

Provide your postal address

We may use this address to send sensitive personal information and important documents such as your [biometric residence permit](#). If we can't contact you by email, we will use this postal address. We may use this address for correspondence about your application and may use it to contact you about your immigration status after your application has been decided.

You must notify us immediately if your postal address changes. [Find out how to update your details here](#)

If you live in a flat and your flat number is not showing when using the postcode lookup, enter your address manually.

Enter a UK postcode

[Find UK address](#)

[Enter address manually](#)

Is this where you live?

Yes No

[Save and continue](#)

Provide the address where you can receive correspondence from UKVI.

Application

About this property

Select which option applies to your home:

- I own it
- I rent it
- Other

Save and continue

Your sex and relationship status

What is your sex, as shown in your passport or travel document?

- Male
- Female
- Unspecified

What is your relationship status?

[I am unsure of my current relationship status](#)

Save and continue

Answer these questions accordingly to your circumstances.

Application

Your nationality, country and date of birth

Country of nationality

If you have previous or additional nationalities, you will be able to add these later in the application.

Country of birth

Place of birth

Enter your place of birth (for example, the city or province), as shown on your passport or travel document.

Date of birth

For example, 31 3 2020

Day Month Year

[Save and continue](#)

You will need to provide your nationality and date of birth. Please make sure the details you enter match the information provided on your passport.

If you have dual nationality, provide the nationality listed on the passport which you chose to use for this application.

Your passport (██████████)

Do you have a valid passport?

Use your passport to complete this section. If you cannot supply your current and valid passport as part of your application, select No.

Yes No

[Save and continue](#)

[Return to this application later](#)

[Show and edit answers](#)

It is crucial to provide correct passport details. Double check all the information you enter here. If you have dual nationality, you must enter here the details of the passport which you are using for the purpose of this application. You will then be asked to provide the details of your other nationality later in the application.

Application

Biometric residence permit (BRP)

Do you have a biometric residence permit (BRP)?

This includes expired BRPs if the expiry date was less than 18 months ago.

Yes

No

[What is a BRP?](#)

Save and continue

Your identity card (■■■■■■■■■■)

Do you have a valid national identity card?

This includes identity cards, issued from non-UK governments. This does not include driving licences. If you have an internal passport, provide the details here.

Yes No

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If you have a national identity card issued by your home country or the country of your residence, provide its details here. You will normally not be asked to present the card as a part of your application. Please note that a BRP (Biometric Residence Permit) or your passport are not a national identity card.

Your other nationalities

Do you currently hold, or have you ever held, any other nationality or citizenship?

You must provide all the nationalities that you currently hold or have ever held.

Yes No

Save and continue

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If you are a dual national, please provide your other nationality here.

Answer "yes" if you have an expired BRP, but you were unable to use it to confirm your identity via the UK Immigration ID check app.

Application

Immigration status

Do you have a Student visa?

Your current or last permission must have been as a Student. This could be entry clearance or permission to stay as a Student or T4 Student

Yes No

Do you have a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number?

The CAS should be from your current or most recent course of study

Yes No

What is your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number?

For example, E5V1463ZL2X000

[Save and continue](#)

Eligible course

Did you study an eligible course?

Your course is eligible if it was an undergraduate or postgraduate degree, a PhD, or it is on the [list of other eligible courses](#)

Yes No

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To be eligible for a Graduate visa you must be in the UK on a valid Student visa.

You also need to provide your CAS number. You can check it on your most recent CAS letter. If in doubt, email visas@regents.ac.uk


You must have completed a Bachelor's degree, Master's or a PhD course to be able to apply.

Application

Details of course

What course did you study?

- UK bachelor's degree or equivalent
- UK master's degree or equivalent
- UK PhD, doctorate or equivalent
- Other course

 **You must have studied an eligible course to apply for a Graduate visa.**
[Read the full list of all eligible courses](#) on the GOV.UK website.

[Why we need this information](#)

Save and continue

Answer accordingly to your circumstances.

Track record of compliance

Did you study at a higher education provider with a track record of compliance?

If you are unsure, check if your university or college is listed as 'student sponsor - track record' on the [register of student sponsors](#).

Yes No

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Regent's University London is a Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance.

Application

Your National Insurance number

What is your current National Insurance number?

Example QQ 12 34 56 C

I do not have a National Insurance number

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Provide your National Insurance number if you have one. To work in the UK, you need to have a National Insurance number.

Driving licence

Do you have a UK driving licence?

Yes

No

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Answer accordingly to your circumstances.

World travel history

Have you been to any other countries in the past 5 years?

Do not include visits to the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland or the European Economic Area.

[Which countries are part of the European Economic Area \(EEA\)?](#)

Yes

No

[Save and continue](#)

Please take some time to reflect on this question and provide as accurate information as possible. If you have travelled to any of the listed countries, you will then be prompted to provide more details about your travels.

Application

Immigration history

For either the UK or any other country, have you ever been:

- Refused a visa
- Refused entry at the border
- Refused permission to stay or remain
- Refused asylum
- Deported
- Removed
- Required to leave
- Excluded or banned from entry

Yes No

Save and continue

Breach of UK immigration law

Have you ever:

- entered the UK illegally
- remained in the UK beyond the validity of your visa or permission to stay
- breached the conditions of your leave, for example, worked without permission or received public funds when you did not have permission
- given false information when applying for a visa, leave to enter, or leave to remain
- breached UK immigration law in any other way

Yes No

Save and continue

You must answer this question truthfully.

If the answer is 'yes', you will be prompted to provide more details. If this applies to you, please provide comprehensive details of what happened.

Application

Medical treatment in the UK

Have you ever been given medical treatment in the UK?

For example, if you visited a doctor, clinic or hospital, this counts as having medical treatment

Yes No

Save and continue

If you had medical treatment in the UK, you will be prompted to provide further details as well as upload evidence that it has been paid in full.

Make sure you have the documents ready to be uploaded at the end of the application.

Public funds

Have you received any public funds (money) in the UK?

This includes benefits for people on low incomes, housing or child benefit
If you are applying from inside the UK, you only need to tell us about the public funds you have received since you were last granted permission

Yes No

Save and continue

Answer according to your circumstances.

Application

Convictions and other penalties

At any time have you ever had any of the following, in the UK or in another country?

Only select one answer at a time. If you need to give more than one answer, you can do so on another page.

- A criminal conviction
- A penalty for a driving offence, for example disqualification for speeding or no motor insurance
- An arrest or charge for which you are currently on, or awaiting trial
- A caution, warning, reprimand or other out-of-court penalty
- A civil court judgment against you, for example for non payment of debt, bankruptcy proceedings or anti-social behaviour
- A civil penalty issued under UK immigration law
- No, I have never had any of these

You must tell us about spent as well as unspent convictions. You must tell us about any absolute or conditional discharges you have received for an offence.

[Save and continue](#)

War crimes

You must read all of the information on this page before answering.

[War crimes](#)

In either peace or war time have you ever been involved in, or suspected of involvement in, war crimes, crimes against humanity, or genocide?

- Yes No

I have read all of the information about war crimes, including the guidance

[Save and continue](#)

Terrorist activities, organisations and views

You must read all of the information on this page before answering.

[Terrorist activities](#)

Have you ever been involved in, supported or encouraged terrorist activities in any country?

- Yes No

[Terrorist organisations](#)

Have you ever been a member of, or given support to, an organisation which has been concerned in terrorism?

- Yes No

Have you, by any means or medium, expressed views that justify or glorify terrorist violence or that may encourage others to commit terrorist or other serious criminal acts?

- Yes No

I have read all of the information about terrorist activities, organisations and views, including the guidance

[Save and continue](#)

You must answer this question truthfully and confirm you have read the additional information provided.

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Extremist organisations and views

You must read all of the information on this page before answering.

[Extremist organisations](#)

Have you ever been a member of, or given support to, an organisation which is or has been concerned with extremism?

Yes No

[Extremist views](#)

Have you, by any means or medium, expressed any extremist views?

Yes No

I have read all of the information about extremist organisations and views, including the guidance

[Save and continue](#)

Person of good character

Have you, as a part of your employment or otherwise, undertaken paid or unpaid activity on behalf of a non-UK government which you know to be dangerous to the interests or national security of the UK or its allies?

Yes No

Have you ever engaged in any other activities which might indicate that you may not be considered to be a person of good character?

Yes No

Is there any other information about your character or behaviour which you would like to make us aware of?

Yes No

[Save and continue](#)

Your employment history

Have you ever worked for any of the following types of organisation?

Include information for any paid or unpaid work. Select all that apply.

- Armed Forces (career)
- Armed Forces (compulsory national or military service)
- Government (including Public or Civil Administration and non-military compulsory national service)
- Intelligence services
- Security organisations (including police and private security services)
- Media organisations
- Judiciary (including work as a judge or magistrate)
- I have not worked in any of the jobs listed above

[Save and continue](#)

You must answer this question truthfully and confirm you have read the additional information provided.

Application

Official financial sponsor

Have you received money from a financial sponsor?

For example, a government or international scholarship agency

If you have, in the 12 months before the date of application, been awarded a scholarship or sponsorship for study in the UK, you must provide written consent from that sponsor

Yes No

Save and continue

An official financial sponsor can be, for instance, the UK government, your home country government, an international company, or a university. If you have received money from your parents or relatives, this does not count as official financial sponsorship. If you select 'yes', you need to provide a letter from your scholarship or sponsorship provider approving your application, if they paid for both your course fees and living costs in the last 12 months.

Check your answers

Check the information below before you continue to the next section.

Make sure you check all of your answers before you proceed.

Application Documents

Applicant(s)

Once the questions for the main applicant have been completed, you will be able to add additional applicants to this application, such as a family member or dependant

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Completed

Edit responses about this applicant

Additional applicant

To add another applicant, select their relationship to you.

I would like to add a:

Add this applicant

Continue

Documents

Mandatory documents

These documents are mandatory and you must provide them as part of your application. Tick the box to agree that you will provide each document:

The passport issued by Afghanistan for Mrs Test Test

Providing your documents

You must provide your documents after you submit your application, these can be originals or copies. **Any passports provided must be originals.**

You will be able to upload copies of your documents on our commercial partner's website, or you can take your documents to your biometrics appointment to be scanned and uploaded by our commercial partner for a fee. You'll be told how to book an appointment and upload your documents after you submit your application.

You do not need to send any physical documents to the Home Office or UK Visas & Immigration unless you are advised to do so.

Your application may be rejected if you do not provide all mandatory documents. If your application is rejected due to documents not being provided, it will not be considered and an administration fee for each person included in the application will be deducted from your refund.

Save and continue

You can add additional applicants here in case you have dependants.

You need to tick all the boxes and provide all the documents listed on this page.

Conditions

If your application is successful, there will be conditions on your visa or leave to remain. This will include, for example, whether you are able to work in the UK.

If you stay in the UK without permission:

- You can be detained
- You can be prosecuted, fined and imprisoned
- You can be removed and banned from returning to the UK
- You will not be allowed to work
- You will not be able to rent a home in England
- You will not be able to claim any benefits and can be prosecuted if you try to
- You can be charged by the NHS for medical treatment
- You can be denied access to a bank account
- DVLA can prevent you from driving by taking away your driving licence

I confirm that I understand and accept these conditions

Save and continue

Please read through before you tick the box.

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Declaration

By sending this application, you confirm that to the best of your knowledge and belief the following is correct:

- the information relating to the application
- the supporting evidence

I understand that the data I have given can be used as set out in the [privacy policy](#)

I consent to organisations, including financial institutions, providing information to the Home Office when requested in relation to this application.

I have discussed with any other applicants that I am acting on behalf of, and confirmed that the contents of the application are correct and complete.

I agree to the [terms and conditions](#).

I understand that if false information is given, the application can be refused and I may be prosecuted, and, if I am the applicant, I may be banned from the UK.

I confirm that:

- I am the applicant aged 18 or over
- I am the applicant aged under 18
- I am the parent or legal guardian of the applicant who is aged under 18 and completing and submitting the form on their behalf
- I am submitting the form on behalf of the applicant

I accept the above

Please read all the information carefully before providing consent. Once you have declared your application, you will no longer be able to edit any of your answers.

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Check your answers

Check the information below before you continue to the next section.

Immigration Health Surcharge payment summary

You need to make this payment as part of your immigration application.

You must pay by debit or credit card.

Name

Date

IHS amount to pay

You can read more about [how the healthcare surcharge is calculated](#) on GOV.UK.

Pay now

Cancel

Please ensure you have checked all your answers before proceeding.

The IHS amount is calculated automatically based on your visa length.

Further steps

After paying IHS and returning to the application form, you will need to:

- ❖ Pay the visa application fee.
- ❖ Upload evidence. You will have a list of the documents you need to upload.
- ❖ We advise to download a copy of your application for your reference.
- ❖ If you were unable to use the document checking app at the start of the application then you will need to book a biometrics appointment at TLS Contact Visa Application Centre. You should be redirected to the relevant website directly from the application page. This is an important step of your visa application as it will allow you to provide the biometric data needed to process your application.
- ❖ Once you've applied online, proved your identity and provided your documents, you'll usually get a decision within 8 weeks if applied with the Standard service. You'll find out if you can get a faster decision and what you need to do when you apply.

!!! You should not travel until you receive an outcome of your application. Otherwise, your application will be automatically withdrawn.

**Good luck with
your application!**