

Guidance for Students Under 18

Information for prospective, new and current students who are under the age of 18.

Parental Consent and Pre-Registration Requirements

The minimum age for admission to Regent's is 16; students under the age of 18 are classed as children under UK law.

If you're going to be under the age of 18 when you start your studies, and on a full-time course, you'll need to provide parental consent and prove that you have guardianship in the UK.

Before enrolling, you must:

- Submit a completed [Under 18 Consent Form](#), signed by you and your parent(s)/legal guardian(s), confirming your maturity to study in an adult environment.
- Provide evidence of guardianship arrangements in the UK.

Once the required documents have been submitted, the Student Wellbeing & Disability Team will update your record and confirm that you can log in to e:Vision and register.

If you have any questions, concerns or problems email:

wellbeingdisability@regents.ac.uk

UK Guardianship

To demonstrate guardianship in the UK, you must have a parent in the UK. If your parent doesn't live in the UK, they need to appoint a UK guardian who:

- lives in the Greater London area
- is over 18 years old
- speaks English
- is easily contactable in case of emergencies
- has a UK address and phone number
- is *not* a registered student or member of staff at Regent's University London

If you do not know someone who can act as a UK guardian, you can appoint one through a guardianship agency to fulfil the role until your 18th birthday.

The [Association for the Education and Guardianship of International Students \(AEGIS\)](#) has a list of approved guardianship organisations to choose from.

Please note: your parent, not your UK guardian, will remain as your *legal* guardian until you are 18.

International Students

If you're under 18 when applying for a UK visa, you must submit a *letter of consent* from a parent in support of your application. This document must be in English or accompanied by a certified English translation.

Before arriving in the UK, ensure that you have:

- Planned your entire journey to your new place of residence. This includes pre-arranged airport transport
- Access to funds (cash sterling, or debit or credit card)
- Contact details of your UK guardian or guardianship agency

Keep these details readily available in case you are questioned at UK Border Control.

Requirements

Student Requirements

As a student who is under the age of 18, you will be expected to:

- Attend an introductory meeting at the start of the academic year
- Attend Bi-Weekly meetings with the Student Wellbeing & Disability Advisor; if you miss more than one meeting, we will contact your parents and/or guardian
- Communicate with staff if you have any problems
- Contact your parent/guardian if you miss lectures for more than half a day due to illness
- Demonstrate your ability to live independently in an adult environment (e.g. managing your own finances, domestic arrangements, physical and emotional wellbeing)

Parent/Guardian Requirements

Parents or UK Guardians are expected to:

- Provide ongoing support and contact the student at least once a week
- contact the student at least once a week
- Be the named contact in case of a medical emergency

- Inform the University of any other concerns about the student
- Inform the University if you have concerns following the student being ill and missing lectures/tutorials

UK Guardians will also need to complete a short consent form to confirm that they are happy to be in this role.

Please remember that your parents, not your UK Guardian, will remain as your *legal* guardian until you are 18.

For more information, read our: [Safeguarding and Managing Student Risk Policy](#).

Students' Union

Regent's University London's Students' Union (SU) represents and provides for all students at Regent's University London.

Certain SU events and activities are restricted to student over 18; as such, students need to prove that they are 18 or older to attend. This particularly relates to events where alcohol is served and partnership events at Maddox Nightclub.

Rights and Responsibilities Under UK Law

The following information outlines your responsibilities and legal rights as a minor under UK law.

Accommodation Contracts:

As a minor, you can legally:

- Register with a University
- Enter into a legal contract for accommodation (e.g for residence at Reid Hall)

Your parent(s) may need to act as a guarantor for other contractual arrangements with the University.

Reid Hall

Regent's will prioritise your housing application if you are under 18 on the official check in day, but accommodation in Halls will depend on availability and is not guaranteed.

For further information on when you can apply and how applications are prioritised, please see [Reid Hall – on-campus accommodation | Regent's University London](#).

Medical Emergencies

At 16, you can give consent for most medical and dental treatment without parental knowledge. Treatment will remain confidential.

In emergencies where you cannot consent and your parent or UK guardian cannot be reached; Regents' can authorise emergency medical treatment.

Disclosure of Information

Regent's University London is prohibited, under the **UK General Data Protection Regulation 2018**, from disclosing information about your academic or personal progress to your parents/guardians or other third parties without your consent.

If you have any further questions, email us at: wellbeingdisability@regents.ac.uk

ID Cards

Students who are under 18 have an ID card which distinguishes them from other students, the writing on their ID is printed in red whilst all students over the age of 18's cards are printed in black.

Under 18-year-olds may not purchase alcohol or other restricted items (for example, fireworks), so it is important that you do not attempt to do this or ask someone else to do it for you.

Parents should be aware that we do not monitor the activities of under 18s (including their social or personal lives); they are expected to manage their own time and social lives. Similarly, off-campus trips may include minimal supervision.