



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TIER 4 (GENERAL) STUDENTS ON THE NEW CONFIRMATION OF ACCEPTANCE FOR STUDIES (CAS)

- From 22 February 2010 you must have a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) reference number issued by your education provider. This replaces the visa letter, which will not be valid, unless it has a CAS number on it.
- You still need to:
  - Show that you have sufficient funds to support yourself through your studies including money to cover your course fees and living expenses.
  - Provide the education certificates or evidence of qualifications that your sponsor used to accept you onto your chosen course.

As well as your CAS reference number, your education provider must confirm details of the money you have already paid and a list of all the qualifications they used to assess your eligibility to follow the course. You need this information so you know what evidence and documents to provide to support your application. If you fail to provide the right documents your visa may be refused.

- We also recommend you ask your sponsor to confirm:
  - Course and accommodation fees for the year
  - Course details including academic level, course start and end date
  - The latest date that you will be accepted on the course
  - The date that the CAS was issued
  - The number of hours per week that you will be studying
  - The address of your main place of study
  - Whether an Academic Technology Approval Certificate (ATAS) is required
- As a student you can hold a number of CAS at any one time, however you can only apply for your Tier 4 student visa using **one** CAS and this should be from the institution where you wish to study.
- You can apply for your visa up to three months before the start date of your course.
- The CAS must be used within six months of it being assigned to you after which it will expire. If you apply using a CAS that has expired, the application will be refused.

For up to date visa information visit:

[www.ukvisas.gov.uk](http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk)  
[www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/studyingintheuk](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/studyingintheuk)

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