



International Student Support

ATAS Certificates

The Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) is specifically designed to ensure that those applying for postgraduate study in certain sensitive subjects do not acquire knowledge that could potentially be used in WMD programmes. Students studying certain postgraduate research courses are required to apply for ATAS clearance before they can make their visa application to study in the UK.

Do I need an ATAS Certificate?

Only a small number of courses at Nottingham Trent University are affected by the ATAS Scheme. They are all research courses (eg PhD / MPhil / Mres). Taught masters programmes (eg MSc) are not affected. Both new students and continuing students who need to extend their visas mid-course are required to apply for ATAS clearance. New students will be required to obtain an ATAS Certificate before their CAS can be issued. You will be advised of this by the University Admissions Team if it is required.

How do I apply for an ATAS certificate?

Students who require an ATAS certificate need to apply for it online via this website: www.gov.uk/academic-technology-approval-scheme

ATAS applications are free of charge.

In order to apply for your ATAS certificate, you will be provided with a letter from NTU which includes the JACS code of your course and further details about the research you will be undertaking.

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When should I apply for an ATAS certificate?

If you are starting a new course, you must apply for and obtain your ATAS certificate in order to meet the conditions of your offer. Once you have met all of the conditions, you will receive a CAS and will then be able to make your visa application. You will need to include your ATAS certificate with your visa application.

If you are a continuing student who needs to extend your visa mid-course, you must apply for and obtain a new ATAS certificate before making your visa extension application. ATAS certificates are valid for six months so it is most likely you will need to apply for a new one for each visa application you make.

You need to allow at least 20 working days for your ATAS application to be processed so make sure you apply well in advance of the date you intend to make your visa application.

Where can I find out more information about ATAS?

Detailed information about the ATAS scheme can be found at www.gov.uk/academic-technology-approval-scheme