



International Student Support

Schengen visas for Travel to Europe

This information sheet is designed to help you apply for a Schengen visa to travel to the following countries in Europe. We advise you to check if you will be required to apply for a Schengen visa by checking the relevant embassy's website (see list below). Schengen visas are issued for short stays of **up to 90 days** and can be used for tourism, cultural/sport visits, study trips organised as part of your course, short periods of study (up to 90 days), conferences, to visit family or friends, for transit or business trips.

Austria
Estonia
Greece
Latvia
Malta
Portugal
Sweden

Belgium
Finland
Hungary
Liechtenstein
The Netherlands
Slovakia
Switzerland

Czech Republic
France
Iceland
Luxembourg
Norway
Slovenia

Denmark
Germany
Italy
Lithuania
Poland
Spain

How to apply for a Schengen Visa

You will need to allow plenty of time to prepare your application. Many countries require you to attend an appointment to apply for your visa and at busy times (including at Christmas, New Year and Easter) you may need to wait for an appointment time. You can usually apply up to 3 months before your planned travel date.

Some embassies also ask you to collect your passport once the visa has been approved.

Where do I apply for a Schengen visa?

- If you plan to **visit only one country** in the Schengen area, you should apply to the embassy of that country.
- If you plan to **visit more than one country**, you should apply to the embassy of whichever country is your 'main destination' i.e. the country in which you plan to spend the most time during your trip.
- If you plan to visit several countries in the Schengen area without having a main destination, you should submit an application to the embassy of the country you will enter first.

What documents will I need?

You will need to allow plenty of time to prepare your visa application. The visa requirements for each country are all slightly different but for most Schengen visa applications, you will need some or all of the following documents:

- A completed application form (from the appropriate embassy website)
- Visa fee: 60€ payable in pound sterling (£) - check the fee with the relevant embassy, it is usually around £50-60 (+ any handling fees charged by the visa application centre).
- Recent passport size photograph(s)
- Original and valid passport/travel document + UK Biometric Residence Permit (if you have one). **Your passport and visa must be valid for at least 90 days after your planned return date.**
- Evidence of your student status within the UK (e.g. an enrolment letter)
- Evidence of sufficient funds to cover your expenses during your trip
- Evidence of accommodation and travel
- Evidence of your reason for the visit, e.g. study trip/short period of study/conference
- Valid travel insurance including medical cover

You can usually find further information and access application forms via the relevant embassy's website (listed below). However, many countries now use commercial companies, such as VFS Global or TLScontact to process Schengen visa applications.

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Austria	https://www.bmeia.gv.at/en/austrian-embassy-london/travelling-to-austria/entry-requirements-visa-and-immigration/schengen-visa-application-requirements/
Belgium	http://unitedkingdom.diplomatie.belgium.be/en/travel-to-belgium/visa
Czech Republic	http://www.mzv.cz/london/en/visa_and_consular_information/visa_information/
Denmark	http://storbritannien.um.dk/en/travel-and-residence/short-stay-visas/requirements-for-a-schengen-visa/
Estonia	http://www.vm.ee/en/applying-visa-schengen-area
Finland	http://www.finemb.org.uk/public/default.aspx?nodeid=37221&contentlan=2&culture=en-GB
France	http://ambafrance-uk.org/Visas.21435
Germany	https://uk.diplo.de/uk-en/02/visa
Greece	http://www.greekembassy.org.uk/ConsularAffairs/MajorConsularIssues/Visa_sForeignCitizensOnly.aspx
Hungary	http://hu.vfsglobal.co.uk/allaboutvisa.html
Iceland	https://www.government.is/diplomatic-missions/embassy-of-iceland-in-london/visit-iceland/ (Schengen visa applications for Iceland need to be made to the Danish visa application centre).
Italy	http://www.conslondra.esteri.it/Consolato_Londra/Menu/I_Servizi/Per_chi_si_reca_in_italia/
Latvia	https://www.mfa.gov.lv/en/london/entry-into-latvia
Liechtenstein	https://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/representations-and-travel-advice/liechtenstein.html (Schengen visa applications for Liechtenstein need to be made to the Swiss visa application centre).
Lithuania	https://uk.mfa.lt/uk/en/travel-and-residence/coming-to-lithuania/visas
Luxembourg	http://londres.mae.lu/en/Visas
Malta	https://www.vfsglobal.com/malta/uk/

The Netherlands	https://www.netherlandsandyou.nl/travel-and-residence/visas-for-the-netherlands/applying-for-a-short-stay-schengen-visa/united-kingdom
Norway	http://www.norway.org.uk/studywork/visaandresidence/
Poland	http://londyn.msz.gov.pl/en/consular_information/visas
Portugal	http://www.vfsglobal.com/Portugal/UK/
Slovakia	https://www.mzv.sk/web/londyn-en/visa
Slovenia	http://www.mzz.gov.si/en/entry_and_residence/visa_regimes_and_visas/
Spain	https://uk.blsspainvisa.com/index.php
Sweden	https://www.swedenabroad.se/en/about-sweden-non-swedish-citizens/united-kingdom/going-to-sweden/visa-to-sweden/
Switzerland	https://www.eda.admin.ch/content/countries/united-kingdom/en/home/visa/einreise-ch.html

Leaving and Re-entering the UK

Before you leave the UK, you should **check the expiry date of both your passport and your UK visa**.

Most Schengen countries insist that your immigration permission to be in the UK should last for a certain period after you return from your trip (usually 90 days). Some countries insist on as long as six months.

If your permission to stay in the UK is due to expire before you plan to return, please check with the International Student Support Service (int.support@ntu.ac.uk) before you leave.

You should also take advice if your permission to stay in the UK is for a period of less than six months or your UK visa has been curtailed.

You should carry the following documents with you in your hand luggage:

- Passport or travel document
- Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) if you have one
- Your police registration certificate (if applicable)
- An up-to-date letter from your school administrative office confirming you are enrolled on a full time course

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