

## Northumbria University Information for Regional Office Staff

The following is intended as a guide to assist Regional Office Staff in the provision of pre-entry advice to students.

- ✓ The vast majority of advice required is contained in the Get Ready for Northumbria Brochure which students are sent prior to arrival but you may also find this useful.
- ✓ [Get Ready for Northumbria](#)
- ✓ There is helpful guidance available on the International Admissions webpage:
- ✓ <https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/international/international-admissions/immigration-visas/>
- ✓ Any queries that you cannot find the answers to then please email an Adviser at the following address [sv.welfareandinternational@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:sv.welfareandinternational@northumbria.ac.uk)
- ✓ Our webpages are available here:
- ✓ <https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/international/international-admissions/immigration-visas/>
- ✓ Below are some Frequently Asked Questions that it may assist you to have the answers to:

### FAQs

**1. What if I do not know my address in the UK when completing this section of the application form?**

The form will accept the University's address if you do not yet have the details of your accommodation in the UK. This is:

The University of Northumbria  
Sutherland Building  
College Street  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE1 8ST

**2. How can I satisfy the language requirement?**

In respect of the language requirement there is specific information at the following link:

[http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Visas-and-Immigration/Tier-4-eligibility-and-requirements#RL?rl\\_playlist=playlist5347&rl\\_id=2](http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Visas-and-Immigration/Tier-4-eligibility-and-requirements#RL?rl_playlist=playlist5347&rl_id=2)

### **3. Who can I be financially sponsored by?**

You can be sponsored by a government or an international scholarship agency or your parent/s. Parents however are not classed as official sponsors even though applicants are permitted to include their evidence as part of the application.

### **4. What does maintenance mean?**

This is in reference to the amount of money you need for your fees and living costs.

### **5. How much money do I need?**

The amount of money that you are required to show as held in your account, or that of your parent/s', if you are studying outside of London is:

- £9135 for 28 days. This is £1,015 per month for maintenance costs and you are required to show up to 9 months.

If you are studying in inner London is the amount of money is:

- £11,385 for 28 days. This is £1,265 per month for maintenance costs and you are required to show up to 9 months, without an established presence in the UK.

Please remember that any fees that are outstanding will also need to be added to this amount.

E.g. unpaid tuition fees + maintenance (for living costs) = the amount you will require.

### **6. Do I need an ATAS certificate?**

Further detailed guidance is available at the following links:

<https://www.gov.uk/academic-technology-approval-scheme>

### **7. What is the Immigration Health Surcharge?**

This provides access to the NHS on the same terms as a permanent UK resident. It is £150 per year for a student and each dependant and £75 for part year. Non EEA nationals who apply to come to the UK to study for more than 6 months have to pay this.

The total surcharge amount is for the whole period of leave granted and will be payable upfront

<https://www.gov.uk/healthcare-immigration-application/overview>

Calculator:

<https://www.immigration-health-surcharge.service.gov.uk/checker/type>

### **8. Can my dependants apply?**

Dependants include: your husband, wife or civil partner, your unmarried or same-sex partner and your child under 18 years old.

There is information available at the following links in respect of this:

<http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Visas-and-Immigration/Dependants>

## **9. Can I bring my dependant child at a later date?**

Both parents must be coming to the UK. The only acceptable options are:

- both parents are making an immigration application at the same time and in the same country as the child, or
- when the child makes their immigration application, one parent is physically present in the UK, and the other parent is making an immigration application at the same time and in the same country as the child, or
- both parents are already physically present in the UK

This requirement will not be met if both parents are physically outside the UK but only one of them is going to make an application at the same time as the child (even if the other parent already has immigration permission for the UK).

There is information available at the link above as there are exceptions which may apply.

## **10. How long will my application take to be processed?**

You can find out about processing times at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/visa-processing-times>

