

## Short-term Study (STS) visa – Information Sheet

The Short-term Study visa (STS), previously known as the Student Visitor Visa (SVV), is suitable for any type of short courses that are shorter than 6 calendar months. There are three sub-categories under this visa route depending on applicant's age: (click [here](#) for Short-term Study visa website for full details)

- For students aged 16 or above: *Short-term Study visa (6 months)*
- For students aged 15 or under: *Short-term Study visa (Child)*
- For students (aged 16 or above) attending ONLY English language courses for up to 11 months: *Short-term Study visa (11 months)*

Below you will find some **facts** and **tips** for applying under Short-term study route.

### **Facts:** (click [here](#) for a copy of UKVI's supporting documents guide)

- **Fees:** as of April 2018, the visa fees are £97 for 6 months visa and £186 for an 11 months visa  
  
N.B. If you are a non-visa national, you are not required to obtain Entry Clearance (visa sticker) before travelling to the UK. Instead you can obtain the appropriate visa endorsement upon arrival in the UK. Click [here](#) to check if you are a non-visa national if you are not sure.
- **Intention to study**, this could include the following:
  - The offer letter and Confirmation of Enrolment letter for the course you have been accepted onto
  - Evidence of your whole study plan in the UK and any offer letters for follow-on courses
  - Details of where you intend to stay and your travel plans
- **Source of funds:** evidence that you can support yourself during your studies in the UK, e.g. bank statements or payslips for the last 6 months for the financial sponsor who is supporting you financially for your studies in the UK.
- **Original** copies of all supporting documents are required
- Please ensure **certified translation** copies of all documents that are not in English are provided
- TB certificate is not required as the visitor visa is 6 months in length, with the exception of short-term study visa (11 months). For visas longer than 6 months, a TB certificate may be required as part of your visa application documents if you are resident of a country that requires TB screening. See [TB Test](#) webpage for full details.
- Under STS you must study at an institution that either holds a Tier 4 licence or is accredited by one of the recognised bodies. CEG hold Tier 4 Sponsor licences for all the CATS/CSVPA colleges and ONCAMPUS centres. In addition, our centres and colleges are accredited by:
  - CATS/CSVPA colleges are inspected by [ISI](#)
  - ONCAMPUS centres are accredited by [QAA](#)
  - Stafford House centres are accredited by [British Council](#).



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**Tips:**

1. Student should submit an original copy of the Confirmation of Enrolment letter.
2. STS requirements are different to Tier 4 but in terms of maintenance requirement, the Tier 4 rules could be used as a reference, i.e. the funds available to the applicant should cover the full tuition fees as well as accommodation fees and living costs depending on the course location - currently £1265/month for London and £1015/month for outside London.
3. Evidence such as proof of relationship between the applicant and financial sponsors are required to support the visa application. This could include documents such as birth certificate or marriage certificate.
4. Documents confirming applicant and/or their financial sponsor's employment status as well as their income could be useful evidence to support a successful application.
5. Additional financial evidence relating to the applicant or their financial sponsor's personal circumstances could also be helpful to the visa application. This could include documents proving ownership of properties, shares, dividends, automobiles etc.
6. Personal Statement elaborating the applicant's study plan and how the course benefits the applicant's education and career would be useful to aid Visa Office assessing the application.
7. Short-term Study visa cannot be extended in the UK, therefore at the end of the course you must return home before applying for a new visa. This needs to be factored in the study plan as leaving sufficient gap between the courses in order for students to return home to apply for a new type of visa, if the study plan involves further studies in the UK.

For further advice, please contact CEG Visa Help at [visahelp@ceg-uk.com](mailto:visahelp@ceg-uk.com)

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