



DESCRIPTION OF CONFIRMATION OF ACCEPTANCE FOR STUDIES STATEMENT

Please refer to the guidance notes below to help you understand your (draft) Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) statement. There are explanatory notes for each section of the (draft) CAS.

The (draft) CAS statement is an .htm file format document which can be opened using an internet browser, such as Internet Explorer or Chrome. If any characters appear incorrectly, e.g. ???, check the encoding of your internet browser is set as English.

Check your (draft) CAS statement and advise us any errors by completing a responding draft CAS form via the link provided in the accompanying email.

A CAS is a unique code and is combination of letters and digits issued by Birkbeck, your visa sponsor. It is valid for 6 months from the assigned date and you can make your visa application up to 6 months before your course start date if you're applying from your home country.

If you are eligible to make a Student visa application from the UK, you can submit it a maximum of 3 months before the course start date stated on your CAS.

Your Student visa application would be refused if you submit your application:

- Without a valid CAS;
- With a CAS which was used previously;
- Before your CAS is issued, or
- More than 6 months before the course start date if applying from your home country, or 3 months if applying from the UK.

If your visa application is refused, you will need to obtain a new CAS from Birkbeck because a CAS can be used only once.



STUDENT VISA APPLICATION LINKS

- From your home country: <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/apply>
- Extend your Student visa from the UK: <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/extend-your-visa>
- Switch to Student visa from the UK: <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/switch-to-this-visa>

Students making their visa application from the UK will be referred to [Birkbeck's Free Student visa application checking service](#).

DESCRIPTION OF (DRAFT) CAS STATEMENT

- **Visa category:** Student
- **Name of sponsor:** Birkbeck, University of London
 - Birkbeck is a Higher Education Provider (HEP with a track record of compliance.
 - Located in inner-London
- **Sponsor licence number:** 9NKX7B8M9
- **CAS number:** Your CAS number. It will be blank if a draft CAS.
- **Date assigned:** The date your CAS was issued. It will be blank if a draft CAS.
- **Sponsor's note:** It will normally show 'N/A'. However, if Birkbeck provided further information to the Home Office, the details will be stated here.
- **Your name:** Your full name as they appear on your passport, including any middle (other) names. If you have only one name, it will be placed in the Family name field.
- **Date of birth:** Your date of birth as appear on your passport.
- **Country of Nationality:** The nationality of your passport which you will be using to make your Student visa application.
- **Place of birth:** As appear on your passport.
- **Passport number:** As appear on your passport.



- Ensure your passport has at least one full page (blank on both sides) left and is valid for travel for your intended travel dates.
- Although it is not mandatory for your passport be valid for the duration of your course length, you may wish to check whether you can renew your passport from the UK.
- If your passport is due to expire soon or you need to get a new passport for your visa application, you must renew or obtain a new passport before your CAS can be issued.
- **Sponsor's system unique ID for a student:** This is your Birkbeck Student Reference Number (SRN) to be used throughout your period of study at Birkbeck.
- **Course title:** Title of your programme of study
- **Course level:** This is academic level of qualification awarded when you have successfully completed the course.
 - CEFR B2: Pre-sessional English
 - RQF 6: Graduate Diploma / Bachelor's degree
 - RQF 7: Postgraduate Diploma / Master's degree
 - RQF 8: Research degree, i.e. MPhil/PhD
- **Course start date:**
 - **New students:** This date will normally be the start date of the term you are entering. However, this may be an earlier date if you are taking a course in the Economics department which has an earlier start date, for example.
 - **Continuing students:** It will be a day after your current Tier 4 / Student visa expiry date if it is sponsored by Birkbeck. If your most recent visa is not sponsored by Birkbeck, it will be the CAS assigned date. The actual course start date will be stated in the 'Evidence used to obtain this offer' section.
- **Course end date:** The expected end date of your course.
- **Latest date a student can be accepted on to the course:**
 - This is the latest possible date you are permitted to complete your enrolment & registration and join your programme of study.
 - If you arrive later than the specified date, you may be asked to return home and defer your place to the following year.



- **ATAS certificate required:**
 - If stated 'Yes', you have been accepted for a specific degree or research in the physical sciences, computing or mathematics, and you must obtain an ATAS clearance certificate before applying for a Student visa. You should have obtained your ATAS certificate as part your offer conditions.
 - If stated 'Yes' but you haven't obtained your ATAS certificate, please contact ISA for further assistance.
 - If you submit your visa application without it when it is required, your application will be refused.
 - If you believe you require an ATAS certificate but your CAS statement does not state it, please [contact ISA](#) for clarification.
- **Work placement included:** If you are accepted onto a course which includes a mandatory work placement, this field should state 'Yes'.
- **Main site of address:** This is the primary address of Birkbeck.
- **Overseas higher education institution:** Applicable to exchange students only.
- **Evidence used to obtain this offer:**
 - **If your course is a degree level or above:** This section contains details of the qualification(s) used in making you an offer of a place to study at Birkbeck. It will also list details of additional mandatory information required by UKVI.

As Birkbeck University of London is a Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance, you will not need to submit these documents if you are studying at degree level or above. However, you should still ensure to have them readily available because the Home Office can request them at any point of your visa application.
 - **If your course is below degree-level:** You must provide all qualifications listed in this section, including English language certificate.
- **Tuition fees:**
 - **1st year course fees:** Your annual tuition fee for the year you are applying for a Student visa or renewal.



- **Course fees paid to date:** Total amount you have paid towards your tuition fees for the year, including the deposit. It is important to note that this field can only be updated when Birkbeck Fees Office confirms the receipt of a payment.
- **English language qualification:**
 - **Is SELT required:** This refers to how we assessed your English language ability for Student visa purposes. It should normally state 'No'.
 - **Reason not required:** One of the following statements will appear:
 - Higher Education Institution (HEI) sponsor has made assessment;
 - Migrant from majority English speaking country;
 - Migrant holds degree from majority English speaking country; or
 - Migrant has met required English level in a previous successful visa application.
 - **Progression details:**
 - Previously a UK student?: 'Yes' will appear if you have previously been in the UK under the Student route (including Tier 4). The description of how Birkbeck's course represents 'academic progression' from your previous study in the UK will appear. Also, rows (a), (b) and (c) will appear.
 - (a) Previous academic level: The level of your previous academic qualification obtained from the UK.
 - (b) Higher/Same: This states whether the level of your chosen course at Birkbeck is at a higher or same level compared to your previous academic qualification obtained from the UK. If 'Higher', no further field will appear. If 'Same', row (c) will be completed.
 - (c) Progression justification: Justification of your progression from your previous study in the UK to your chosen course at Birkbeck.

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