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Study UK Readiness – What Happens Next?

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Your offer

- ✓ Check your offer: Conditional or Unconditional
- ✓ Conditional offer: what documents are still required?
- ✓ Unconditional offer: any additional requirements, still check!

What to check:

- Is there a deadline to meet offer conditions?
- How does the University want you to submit documents?
- Are any translations required?
- Is there a deadline to accept or decline the offer?

Accommodation

- ✓ When you can apply for accommodation: at conditional or unconditional stage?
- ✓ What type of accommodation is available to you?
- ✓ Catered, self catered, studio, shared, en-suite
- ✓ Budget vs accommodation costs

What to check:

- Guarantee Policy
- Guarantee deadline dates
- What's included in the rent and what will you need to bring
- Is a deposit or advanced rent payment required

Deposits, fees and finances

- Tuition fee information will be included in your offer letter.
- Look out for any deposit payment to secure your place or to receive your visa documents.
- Not all Universities will require a deposit.
- Self-funded students: fee instalments
- Sponsors/funded students: letter requirements

CAS requirement

- Typically, cannot be requested until you hold an unconditional offer.
- Check for any deposit requirement to receive CAS.
- Ensure your personal details are correct on the University application and they match your passport.
- Check how to request your CAS: automated system? Email to Admissions or Visa Team?
- Be aware of peak processing times: likely July – August.

Travelling to the UK

- Consider purchasing a flexible air fare to allow for changes in case of visa delays.
- 15 international airports in the UK with good links by road, rail and air to your destination.
- Low budget airlines for travel within the UK and Europe: EasyJet and Ryanair
- Rail fares across the UK: www.trainline.com
- Check UKVI for information about which documents to bring in your hand luggage
- Arrange your travel from the airport to accommodation, check if your university provides airport pick-up.



Travelling to the UK and settling in

- Organise your packing list
- There are low-cost options for buying essentials in the UK so you can pack light.
- Arrive in time for welcome week
- Schedule your welcome/fresher's week activities.
- Check out University support services like health and wellbeing, sports, student activities, English language, careers.
- Collect your BRP
- Open your bank account
- Register with the GP/Doctor

Remember, everyone is in a similar position to you. Be brave, start conversations and make new friends.