

Student and Tier 4 (General) visa holders must meet the UKVI's academic progression requirement to make a Student Visa application in the UK. See the [UKVI's Appendix Student](#) for details - you must be either:

- Demonstrating academic progression (for a reason listed in Appendix Student (ST 14.1 & ST 14.3), or
- Exempt from demonstrating academic progression (for a reason listed in Appendix Student (ST 14.4))

Demonstrating academic progression as you successfully completed the course studied on your current Student Visa: Appendix Student (ST14.1) confirms you will be demonstrating academic progression where you meet the following:

1. ST 14.1. An applicant who has, or previously had, permission as a Student and is applying for permission to stay as a Student must have successfully completed the course of study for which they were last granted permission as a Student or one of the following applies:
 - (a) one of the exceptions in ST 14.4.; or
 - (b) they are applying to progress to a higher level course as specified in ST 14.3.(a) or (b).; or
 - (c) they have successfully completed the course of study for which they were last granted permission as a Student or the course of study they were allowed to change to without applying for further permission on the Student route and will now be taking a course at the same level as specified at ST 14.3(c); or
 - (d) they have successfully completed the course of study with their sponsor where the change of course was allowed without applying for further permission on the Student route.

You will be demonstrating academic progression due to successfully completing your course where you currently hold a Student Visa and:

- You have successfully completed the course you visa was granted for you to study (course stated on the CAS used to apply for your current Student Visa), or
- You transferred to another course without first needing to apply for a Student Visa as per the UKVI's rules and successfully completed that course before your current Student Visa expiry date

Evidence you need to submit of successfully completing the course:

- The certificate / qualification for that course, or
- A formal letter confirming that you are highly likely to successfully complete your course that your current Student Visa was granted for you to study

If your UoG CAS confirms you are demonstrating academic progression as you successfully completed your course (as per ST14.1) you will not need to submit documents to prove this (University of Glasgow is a higher education provider with track record of compliance – see the [Student Guidance](#) under “Exemptions”).

UKVI discuss the “highly likely to successfully complete” letter requirements in the [Student Sponsor Guidance](#), paragraph 5.33:

5.33 In order to provide formal written confirmation, the current sponsor must make an assessment of the student's academic ability to complete their current course successfully. The confirmation provided should state that, based on the assessment and the student's performance throughout the course, the sponsor considers that the student is highly likely to complete their course successfully. It should also give an indication of when the qualification will be awarded.

Demonstrating academic progression for another reason: Appendix Student discusses the other reasons where someone can be demonstrating academic progression (ST14.3).

Where this applies to you, your CAS must say you are demonstrating academic progression and refer to one of the specific reasons in ST14.3 for you to be able to apply for a Student Visa in the UK:

ST 14.3. An applicant will show academic progress if they are applying for any of the following:

- (a) to progress from a bachelor's to master's level course which is part of an integrated master's course, where the applicant has been offered a place on a higher-level course by the student sponsor after an assessment of their academic ability; or
- (b) to progress from a master's degree to a PhD which is part of an integrated master's and PhD programme, where the applicant has been offered a place on a higher-level course by the student sponsor after an assessment of their academic ability; or
- (c) a course which is above the level of the previous course of study for which they were last granted permission unless:
 - (i) the student sponsor is a higher education provider with a track record of compliance; and
 - (ii) the course is at degree level or above; and
 - (iii) the new course is at the same level as the previous course of study; and
 - (iv) the student sponsor confirms that either:
 - (a) the new course of study is related to the applicant's previous course of study (meaning that it is either connected to the previous course, part of the same subject group, or involves deeper specialisation); or
 - (b) the combination of the previous course of study and the new course of study support the applicant's genuine career aspirations.
 - (c) the applicant has left an integrated master's or PhD programme having successfully completed the course leading to the award of the lower level qualification which formed a part of that programme.

Exempt from demonstrating academic progression: Appendix Student discusses reasons where someone is exempt from demonstrating academic progression (ST14.4).

Where this applies to you, your CAS must say you are exempt from demonstrating academic progression and refer to one of the specific reasons in ST14.4 for you to be able to apply for a Student Visa in the UK

Please note: If your CAS states you:

- are exempt from demonstrating academic progression due to resitting or repeating exams or modules, or
- you changed your course of study on your current visa without completing the previous course

The [Student Guidance](#) (see sub-heading "Exemptions" in the academic progression section) says If the applicant has previously changed their course of study without completing their previous course (having met the relevant requirements in the rules to do so), to support their new application, they must now submit transcripts to show that they have previously sat the exam or exams or taken the module or modules in respect of the course they changed to, not the previous course.

Exempt from demonstrating academic progression - continued:

ST 14.4. An applicant does not need to show academic progress where they:

- (a) are applying to re-sit examinations or repeat modules under ST 14.5.; or
- (b) have previously re-sat examinations or repeated modules under ST 14.5. and are applying to complete the course for which those examinations were re-sat or modules repeated; or
- (c) are applying to continue studying with their current student sponsor for the purpose of completing the PhD or other doctoral qualification for which study was undertaken during their last period of permission as a Student; or
- (d) are making an application to move to a new student sponsor to complete a course of study begun at a student sponsor that has subsequently had its licence revoked; or
- (e) are applying to undertake a role as a Student Union Sabbatical Officer; or
- (f) after undertaking a period as a Student Union Sabbatical Officer are applying to complete the qualification for which the Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies was assigned before that period; or
- (g) are applying for permission to stay as a postgraduate doctor or dentist on a recognised Foundation Programme; or
- (h) are applying to undertake an intercalated bachelor's or master's degree course or PhD where they are studying medicine, veterinary medicine and science, or dentistry as their principal course of study, or to complete their principal course, having completed a period of intercalation; or
- (i) are applying to undertake a study abroad programme or work placement which is both integral to and assessed as part of the course, or to complete their course, having completed a study abroad programme or work placement.

SUMMARY:

- See the ISS [Academic Progression Guide](#) and [Appendix Student](#) of the Immigration Rules.
- Where CAS is for a new course, you must have successfully completed the course you have been studying on your current Student Visa to meet the academic progression requirement. You will either provide evidence of having successfully completed the course, or your CAS must bear a statement confirming this.
- Otherwise, your new CAS must state the reason (from the exceptions listed in [Appendix Student](#) of the Immigration Rules) explaining how you are either demonstrating academic progression, or, are exempt from demonstrating academic progression.
- If the new course your new CAS is issued for is at the same level as the course successfully completed on your current Student Visa, see ST14.3(c) of [Appendix Student](#) for the additional information required on your CAS.
- You cannot apply for a Student Visa in the UK if the new course is at a lower level than the course successfully completed on your current Student Visa, and where you do not meet an academic progression exception listed in ST 14.4 of [Appendix Student](#).