

## Your IELTS guide to studying in the UK

Use this checklist to guide you through the tasks necessary to become an undergraduate or postgraduate student in the UK university of your choice.

### 2-3 years before enrolment

- Research institutions in the UK.  
The search function on [www.ieltsasia.org](http://www.ieltsasia.org) lists all of the UK institutions which accept IELTS, and their score requirements. Use this as a starting point to find an institution that suits you.

### 15-18 months before enrolment

- Find your nearest test centre and schedule your IELTS test date.
- Investigate what is involved in studying in the UK. Use the resource-rich British Council / Education UK websites.

### 12-14 months before enrolment

- Take the IELTS test and receive your results. If you need to improve your score, review the section "Prepare for IELTS" on this website, or consider taking an IELTS course with British Council.
- Prepare a folder for each institution you wish to apply to. This way, you can organise all forms, correspondence and receipts.
- Note your chosen university's application deadlines. Most professional courses in Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine/Science require applications in the October prior to the academic year in which you plan to enrol.
- Carefully read all application materials and fulfil all requirements by their due dates. Create an application calendar to stay on track.

### 10-12 months before enrolment

- Retake IELTS, if necessary, and receive your results.
- Complete the UCAS admission application for the institution(s) you have chosen. The main undergraduate deadline is in January each year, which is around 8 months before the academic year starts.
- Complete your financial aid and scholarship applications.
- Check the visa requirements.

### 6-9 months before enrolment

- Ensure you have submitted your applications.

- Check the individual course details on the UCAS search tool and contact the institution directly if you wish to submit a late application. Many universities and colleges continue to accept applications from international students after the undergraduate deadline.
- Identify which institutions have accepted you as a student, choose the institution you wish to attend and send in any necessary deposits or paperwork.

### **3 months before enrolment**

- Ensure your visa application is progressing as required.