

Student Route - Visa

Bank Statement Guide

For students who have not studied at RGU before or those making an application to study a new course with us.

Many Student Route visa refusals are as a result of students not being able to meet the strict United Kingdom Visa Immigration service (UKVI) requirements about financial evidence. It is your responsibility to ensure that financial evidence meets those requirements and this guide will help you to do so. **This guide only applies to Personal Bank Statements used for your Student Route Visa.** The UKVI do accept other financial evidence which has different requirements. If you plan to use one of the others, please refer to the relevant guidance on our web pages.

Please note that the information below is for guidance purposes only. The final decision as to whether your financial evidence meets requirements or not always rest with the UKVI. Full details of the Student Route Policy Guidance contains everything you need to know about the Student Route visa and we strongly recommend that you read this, reached at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/points-based-system-student-route>

How to Use The Bank Statement Aid Guide

To check if your Personal Bank Statement is acceptable, please answer the questions below, starting with number 1. Follow the instructions for the answer you give.

Please be aware that this means you may not need to answer every question in the guide, this depends very much on the answer you give.

This does not replace the requirement for the RGU Immigration and Admissions team to check your Bank Statement or other financial documents as part of the CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance to Study process) but it will allow you to check this before sending to us. Ensuring you send documents which meet the UKVI requirements will significantly reduce the time it takes for you to obtain your CAS number from the University.

1.	Does the bank statement show your name?	YES (go to 2)	NO (go to 3)
2.	Does it show someone else's name?	YES (read A)	NO (go to 4)
A.	Only the bank statement of a parent or legal guardian can be used, no other family member. Please contact immigration@rgu.ac.uk if you have any questions.	I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS ADVICE (go to 4)	
3.	Does it show your parent's/legal guardian(s) name(s)?	YES (read B)	NO (go to 17)
B.	You must also provide your birth certificate or other court document (not an Affidavit) proving your relationship to them and written consent from them to use their money for your studies in the UK. Please contact immigration@rgu.ac.uk if you have any questions.	I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS ADVICE (go to 4)	
4.	Does it show the bank account number?	YES (go to 5)	NO (go to 17)
5.	Does it show the date it was issued?	YES (go to 6)	NO (go to 17)
6.	Is the date you plan to submit your visa application more than 31 days after the date your bank statement was issued?	YES (go to 17)	NO (go to 7)
7.	Is the date of the first balance at least 28 days before the date your bank statement was issued?	YES (go to 8)	NO (go to 17)
8.	Does it show the bank's name and logo?	YES (go to 9)	NO (go to 17)
9.	Is it a bank statement that you printed at home?	YES (go to 17)	NO (go to 12)
10.	Is it a bank statement that a bank printed for you on request?	YES (go to 12)	NO (go to 17)
11.	Is it one of the original bank statements that your bank regularly send you by post?	YES (got to 12)	NO (go to 15)
12.	Is the closing balance above the minimum funds required?* Does the balance stay above the minimum required funds for at least 28 days? (it cannot	YES (go to 13)	NO (go to 17)
13.	drop below the required funds at any time during the 28 days, even for just part of a day)	YES (go to 14)	NO (go to 17)
14.	Have you answered each question honestly and followed all the instructions carefully?	YES (go to 16)	NO (go to 17)

Answers

15. Please contact the Immigration and Admissions Officer to confirm which type of bank statement you have.

16. If the above questions have been answered in the right order and you have checked your bank statement for the most common errors then your bank statement meets the minimum requirements of the United Kingdom Visa Immigration (UKVI)**.

17. Your documents **do not** meet the requirements. Go back to the last question that you answered to see what needs changing on your bank statement.

Additional Notes

*If your funds are not in British Pounds Sterling (GBP), use the currency exchange rates on the [OANDA website](#) to establish the amount in GBP. This currency converter is also used by the UKVI service when they consider your financial evidence as part of a visa application.

** Personal Bank Statements from some international banks cannot be used. Details of these can be found at Please read this information carefully and contact the Immigration and Admissions Officer if you are unsure about anything relating to your bank statement.