

## How will I qualify for a Tier 4 student visa for study at Lancaster University?

You can find information and guidance notes about applying for a Tier 4 visa at the UK Border Agency webpages here:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/studying/adult-students/apply-outside-uk/>

### **Important Note:**

In order to be able to apply for and obtain your Tier 4 (general) student visa, you must meet the requirements of the immigration rules and have **40 points** in total as shown in the table below:

**Please do not attempt to apply for a Tier 4 visa if you can not meet these requirements, as your visa will be refused and this may affect any future visa applications.**

<b>Points</b>	<b>What you get points for</b>	<b>Proof and documents needed to obtain your student visa</b>
<b>30</b>	Being unconditionally accepted for a degree course/period of study or research at an approved education provider such as Lancaster University	<b>Certificate of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) from Lancaster University</b> and supporting documents including ALL those listed on your CAS (original copies of relevant qualifications, IELTS results etc)  See below for more information about your <b>CAS</b>
<b>10</b>	Having enough money to cover your course fees and monthly living costs (also known as maintenance)	<b>Bank statements</b> confirming that you have enough money available to cover your course fees and monthly living costs as specified by UKBA, at the time you submit your application.  The money must be either in an account <b>in your name</b> (including joint accounts with your name), or a loan in your name, or official financial or governmental sponsorship. You may also show money in the bank account of either of your parents or legal guardian.

		<p><b>Note:</b> If providing bank statements, they must show that the money has been in your account <b>for a period of 28 consecutive days</b>. Also the bank statement <b>must not be more than one month old</b> at the time of your application.</p> <p>Your money must be held in cash. Shares, bonds, pension funds or land owned by you or your family will not be accepted</p> <p>See following website for more important details about exactly how to prepare your financial evidence: <a href="http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/applicationforms/pbs/Tier4migrantguidance1.pdf">http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/applicationforms/pbs/Tier4migrantguidance1.pdf</a></p> <p>See section on <b>maintenance (or money) test</b> below, for current guidelines about how much money you have to prove you have at the time of your application.</p> <p>If you are using overseas currency, you must confirm that amount in pounds sterling (£). The UKBA uses the official exchange rate on the OANDA website, which can be found at: <a href="http://www.oanda.com/convert/classic">http://www.oanda.com/convert/classic</a></p>
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**Please note** that if any of your supporting documents are written in a language other than English, **you will need to arrange for these to be translated** , by an official translator.