

## Visitor Visa Types and Permitted Activities

Visa Type	Visa Duration	Permitted Activities	Visa Conditions/Restrictions	How to Apply
<p><b>Standard Visitor Visa</b> (Business/Academics, 6 months categories)</p> <p><i>There are several subcategories within the Standard Visitor Visa route each with their own eligibility criteria and restrictions.</i></p> <p><i>This information within this section covers the following types of visitors:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Those undertaking business activities within the UK for up to 6 months</li> <li>▪ Academics, scientists and researchers visiting the UK for up to 6 months.</li> </ul>	<p>Up to 6 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attend interviews, meetings conferences and seminars.</li> <li>▪ Negotiate and sign deals and contracts.</li> <li>▪ Attend trade fairs to promote their business (they cannot sell things).</li> <li>▪ Get work-related training if they're employed overseas and the training is not available in their home country.</li> <li>▪ Give a one-off or short series of talks as long as they're not for profit or a commercial event (they must not be paid).</li> <li>▪ Carry out site visits and inspections.</li> <li>▪ Gather information for their employment overseas.</li> <li>▪ Undertake activities relating to their employment overseas remotely from within the UK, providing this is not the primary purpose of their visit.</li> <li>▪ A Professor from an overseas academic institution accompanying students to the UK as part of a study abroad programme, may provide a small amount of teaching to the students at the host organisation providing this does not amount to filling a permanent teaching role.</li> </ul> <p><u>Academics, Scientists and Researchers</u> may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Take part in formal exchange arrangements with UK counterparts.</li> <li>▪ Collaborate, gather information and facts, or conduct research, either for a specific project which directly relates to their employment overseas, or independently.</li> </ul> <p><u>Senior doctors or dentists</u> can also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Take part in research.</li> <li>▪ Teach (as long as it's not a permanent teaching post).</li> <li>▪ Undertake clinical practice (as long as it's not a permanent position).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cannot do paid or unpaid work for a UK company as a visitor.</li> <li>▪ Cannot receive payment from a UK source except reasonable expenses and subsistence.</li> <li>▪ Cannot switch to another visa category.</li> <li>▪ Must be able to support themselves during the trip or have funding from someone else to support them.</li> <li>▪ Must leave the UK at the end of the visit</li> <li>▪ If conducting research an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate may be required. Applies to certain nationalities and certain research fields. <b><i>If an ATAS certificate is required as a Standard Visitor Visa holder it must be obtained prior to any research being undertaken in the UK.</i></b></li> <li>▪ Academics can extend their standard visitor visa to 12 months. See the section below for additional eligibility requirements and restrictions.</li> </ul>	<p>Applicants must have an invitation from the School at the University of Huddersfield to confirm the visit.</p> <p>A template invitation letter and further information can be found on our <a href="#">visa and immigration webpage</a>.</p> <p>Refer to the <a href="#">Gov.uk website</a> for further information and to make an application.</p> <p><b>Some visitors will not require a visa before coming to the UK to undertake certain activities. Visitors can check if a visa is required on the <a href="#">Gov.uk website</a>.</b></p>

<p><b>Standard Visitor Visa</b> (Academics, 12 months category)</p> <p><i>There are several subcategories within the Standard Visitor Visa route each with their own eligibility criteria and restrictions.</i></p> <p><i>This information within this section covers the following types of visitors:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Academics applying for a visitor visa to come to the UK for up to 12 months.</li> <li>▪ Academics currently in the UK on a visitor visa who are applying to extend their stay up to 12 months.</li> </ul>	<p>Up to 12 months</p>	<p>Applicants must intend to undertake one (or more) of the following activities for up to 12 months:</p> <p>a) Take part in formal exchange arrangements with UK counterparts (including doctors)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>or</u></p> <p>b) Carry out research for their own purposes, <b>if they are on sabbatical leave from their home institution.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>or</u></p> <p>c) If they are an eminent senior doctor or dentist, take part in research, teaching or clinical practice providing this does not amount to filling a permanent teaching post</p>	<p>Applicants must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be highly qualified within their own field of expertise – usually means holding a PhD or higher.</li> </ol> <p><u>And</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Currently be working in that field at an academic institution or institution of higher education overseas.</li> </ol> <p><u>And</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. (If Appendix Tuberculosis applies) provide a valid medical certificate confirming that they have undergone screening for active pulmonary tuberculosis and that this tuberculosis is not present in them.</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cannot do paid or unpaid work for a UK company as a visitor.</li> <li>▪ Cannot receive payment from a UK source except reasonable expenses and subsistence.</li> <li>▪ Cannot switch to another visa category.</li> <li>▪ Must be able to support themselves during the trip or have funding from someone else to support them.</li> <li>▪ Must leave the UK at the end of the visit</li> <li>▪ Can apply to extend up to a maximum period of 12 months.</li> <li>▪ If conducting research an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate may be required. Applies to certain nationalities and certain research fields. <b><i>If an ATAS certificate is required as a Standard Visitor Visa holder it must be obtained prior to any research being undertaken in the UK.</i></b></li> </ul>	<p>Applicants must have an invitation from the School at the University of Huddersfield to confirm the visit.</p> <p>A template invitation letter and further information can be found on our <a href="#">visa and immigration webpage</a>.</p> <p>Refer to the <a href="#">Gov.uk website</a> for further information and to make an application.</p> <p><b>For visits of up to 6 months some visitors will not require a visa before coming to the UK to undertake certain activities. Visitors can check if a visa is required on the <a href="#">Gov.uk website</a>.</b></p> <p><b>Visits of more than 6 months require a Standard Visitor visa regardless of nationality.</b></p>
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<p><b>Standard Visitor Visa</b> (Permitted Paid Engagement (PPE) category)</p> <p><i>There are several subcategories within the Standard Visitor Visa route each with their own eligibility criteria and restrictions.</i></p> <p><i>This information within this section covers the following types of visitors:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Those coming to the UK to undertake a Permitted Paid Engagement (PPE).</li> </ul>	<p>Up to 6 months <i>however, the paid engagement must be done within the first 30 days of arrival to the UK</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An academic who is highly qualified within their field of expertise, coming to examine students and/or participate in or chair selection panels, and have been invited by a UK higher education institution, or a UK-based research or arts organisation as part of that institution or organisation's quality assurance processes.</li> <li>An expert coming to give lectures in their subject area, where they have been invited by a higher education institution, or a UK-based research or arts organisation, and this does not amount to filling a teaching position for the host organisation.</li> <li>A speaker coming to the UK to give a one-off or short series of talks and speeches, where they have been invited to a conference or other event.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicants cannot be retired (can be semi-retired if earning an income from giving regular lectures).</li> <li>The engagement must relate directly to their expertise, qualifications and main job in their home country.</li> <li>Cannot switch to another visa category.</li> <li>Cannot extend the visa.</li> <li>Must be 18 or over</li> <li>Must leave the UK at the end of the visit</li> <li>Must be able to support themselves during the trip or have funding from someone else to support them.</li> <li>No limitations on payment amount or source</li> </ul>	<p>Applicants must have an invitation from the School at the University of Huddersfield to confirm the visit.</p> <p>A template invitation letter and further information can be found on our <a href="#">visa and immigration webpage</a>.</p> <p>Refer to the <a href="#">Gov.uk website</a> for further information and to make an application.</p> <p><b>Some visitors will not require a visa before coming to the UK to undertake certain activities. Visitors can check if a visa is required on the <a href="#">Gov.uk website</a>.</b></p>
<p>Temporary Worker – Government Authorised Exchange (GAE) Visa</p>	<p>Up to 24 months</p> <p><i>If the visit is for 6 months or less, the Standard Visitor Visa should be considered</i></p> <p><i>If the visit is for less than 12 months the Standard Visitor Visa (Academic) should be considered.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaboration on University-hosted research above normal staff requirements and <b>not</b> filling a vacancy.</li> <li>Work-based training, work experience, internship or placement</li> <li>Skill development or knowledge transfer</li> <li>A series of lectures, which doesn't amount to a formal teaching post</li> <li>External examinations</li> </ul> <p><b>Overseas PhD students who are coming to the UK to undertake research may be eligible for a Temporary Worker (GAE) visa, however, there are certain situations where this visa route is not suitable. Please refer to the <a href="#">Overseas PhD Students flowchart</a> to determine which is the most appropriate visa route</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be funded and paid by the host, their overseas employer, or an independent UK or non-UK funding body.</li> <li>Funding must be in line with, or above, the National Minimum Wage</li> <li>Cannot be self-funded</li> <li>Cannot fill a vacancy</li> <li>Work must be skilled at RQF level 3 or above</li> <li>If conducting research an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate may be required. Applies to certain nationalities and certain research fields. <b>If an ATAS certificate is required as a Temporary Worker it must be obtained prior to submitting a visa application.</b></li> </ul>	<p>A Certificate of Sponsorship is required from the University of Huddersfield as part of the visa application.</p> <p>School host to complete the Temporary Worker GAE Sponsorship Application form and collate the additional information/documentation required.</p> <p>School host to provide an invitation letter to the visitor.</p> <p>The form, invitation letter template and further information can be found on our <a href="#">visa and immigration webpage</a>.</p> <p>Once the Certificate of Sponsorship has been issued, applicants should refer to the <a href="#">Gov.uk website</a> to make an application.</p>