



UK Visas
& Immigration

Studying in the UK



The UK's Study Visa Offer

This presentation will cover:

- Statistics & India Overview
- News from the Home Office
- Engagement
- Applying for a Tier 4 Visa
- Overview of the financial requirements
- Frequent Questions we have received
- Staying in the UK after studies
- Myth busting

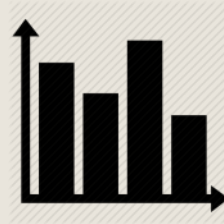


Student visa applications from India



91%

of student (Tier 4)
applications are
successful



11,119

Tier 4 applications
granted in the last
year

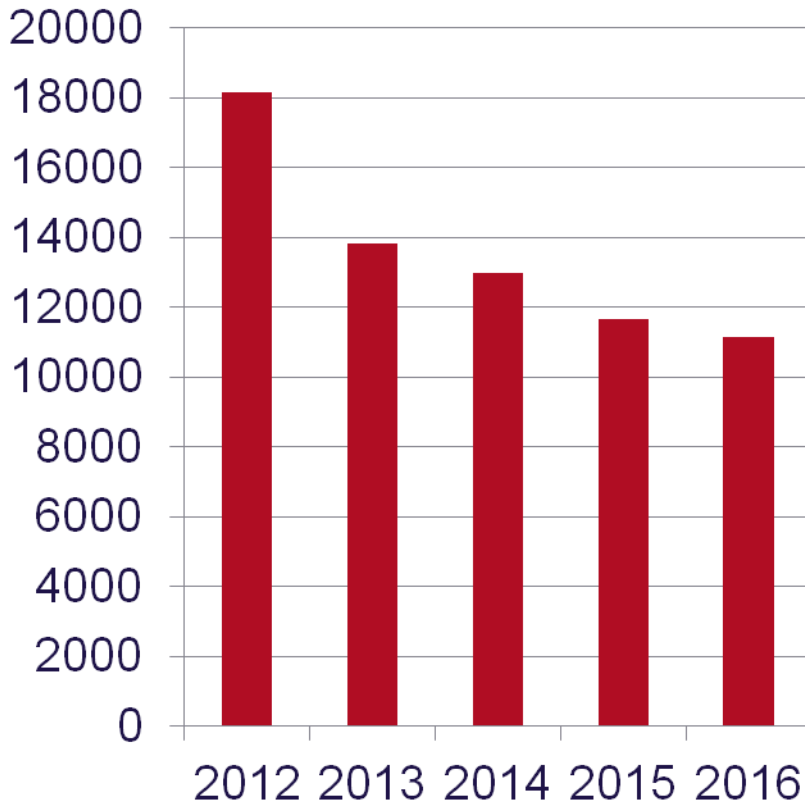


99%

of all visa applications
processed within 15
working days

Tier 4 Applications – Indian Nationals

Year Ending Q3 – Tier 4

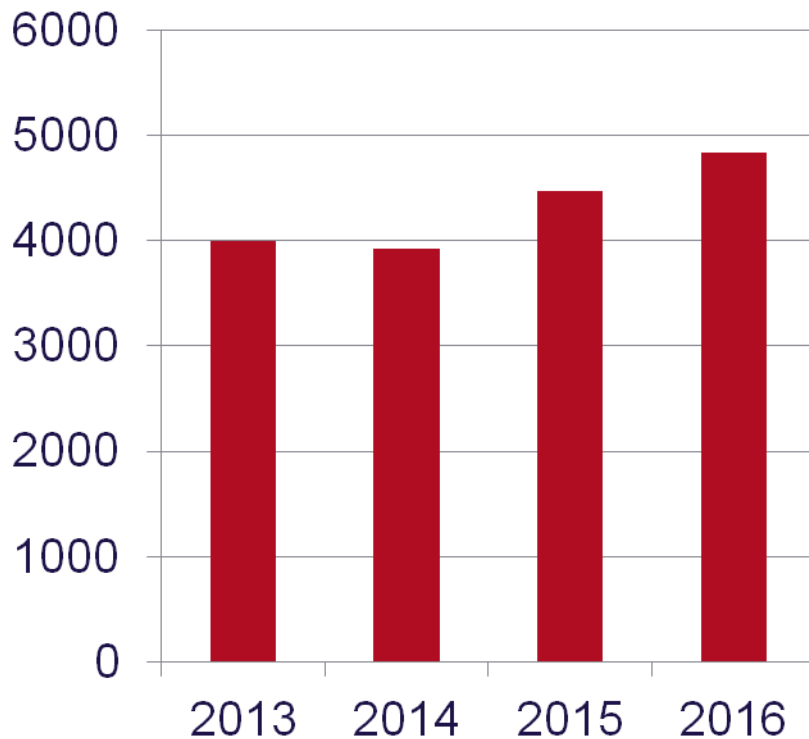


- Issue rate 91% compared with 89% for YE 2015

- Quarter 3 alone, reflects a 5% increase compared to 2015.

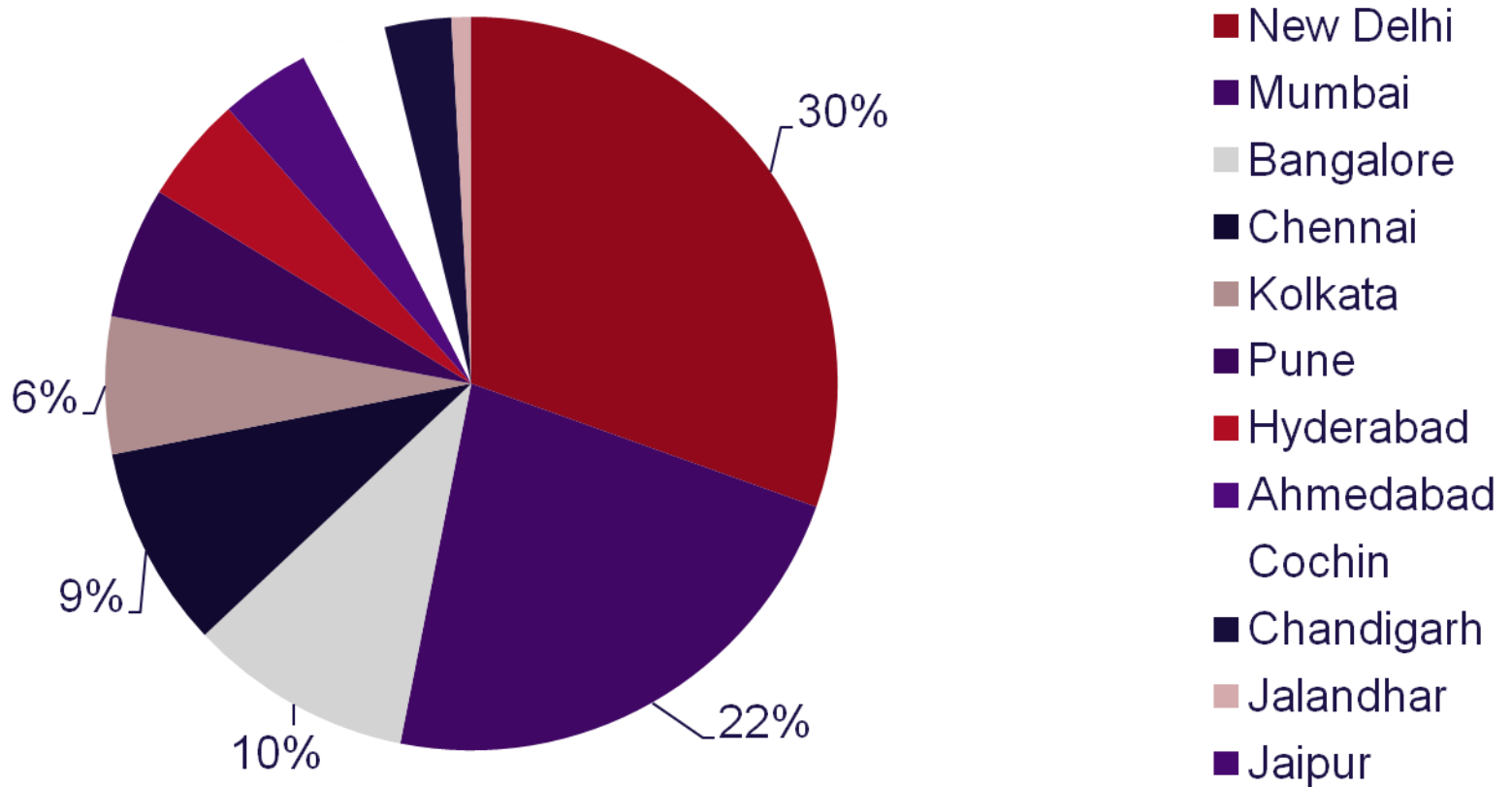
Short Term Students – Indian Nationals

Year Ending Q3 – Short Term Students



- Increases seen under this route
- Issue rate in the year ending Sept 2016 was 85%

Proportion of Applications by VAC



News from the Home Office

- **Modernising UKVI's business**
- **Consultation on the Study Route**
- **Tier 4 Pilot continues**



Document Scanning

Documentation must now be scanned at the VACs and sent electronically to UKVI, original documents should still be presented to UKVI staff to check.

All documents must be:

- A4 size
- Free from clips/pins
- In good condition or photocopied onto a clean A4 sheet. Torn, crumpled or heavily creased documents cannot be scanned.



Engagement

- UKVI Representation at Education Fairs & Pre Departure Briefings
- Education Account Manager appointed in September 2016
- Sessions with India Offices, Education Agents, School Counsellors

- Over the next 6 months
 - Meetings with UKVI Teams in the UK
 - Webchats
 - Engagement with International Schools
 - Education Groups



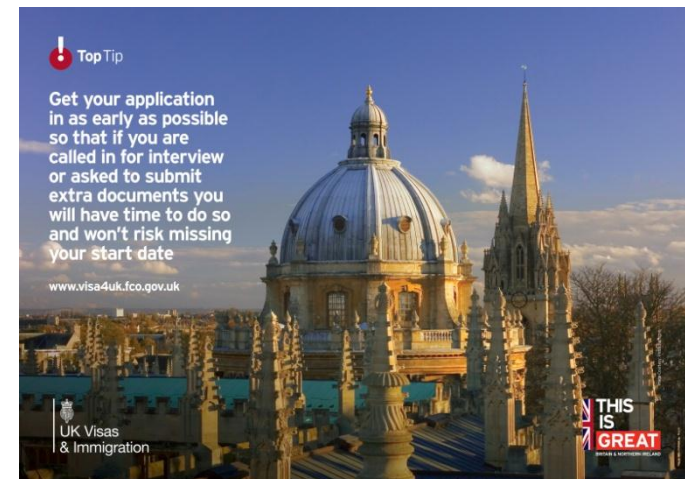
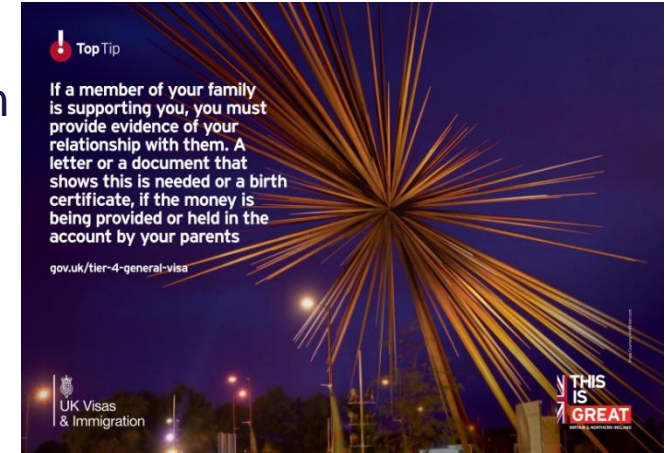
Engagement – Social Media campaign

Last year

- #dontbelateforclass social media student information campaign
- FB posts reached over **16,000** people with over **1,100** liking, sharing or commenting
- Webchat reached over **5,500** users with **880** engaged users

Next year:

- Work more closely with partners, sharing materials, images for the campaign
- Great if could use materials on your channels
- Lots of ideas how can get budget, competitions, events at the VAC
- Watch this space ...



What do I need to apply for a Tier 4 visa?

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- Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies

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- Funds to support yourself

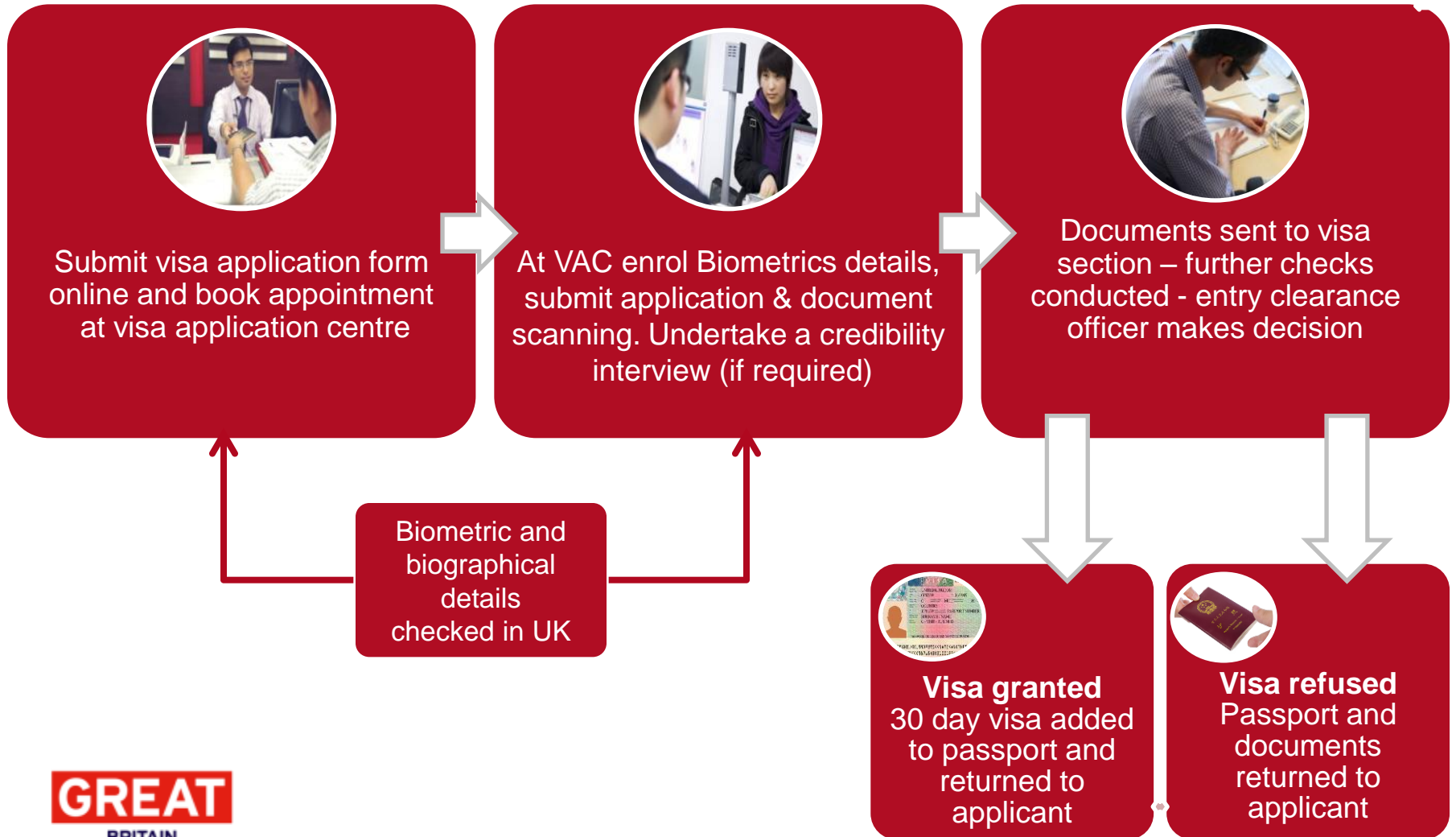
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- Appropriate level of English for your course



For further guidance go to www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa

Visa application process



Premium services



Priority Service T4 applicants can now benefit from the Priority Visa service, which gives applicants a visa decision within 3-5 days. The service costs



The **Keep My Passport When Applying Service** makes it easier for travellers to apply for 2 visas at the same time, by returning an applicant's passport once they have applied for their visa



Premium Lounges offer customers a separate lounge and a faster service to submit documents and biometrics. Customers also receive a courier service and SMS service free of charge.



Funds

- Students need to provide evidence to assure ECOs that they can support themselves financially while in the UK.

- They must show they can pay course fees and living expenses which are:
 - Inside London** - £1,265 for each month of the course, up to a maximum of 9 months
 - Outside London and elsewhere in the UK** - £1,015 for each month of the course, up to a maximum of 9 months.

- Students can prove they have the money through:
 - cash in a savings account in the student's name or in the parents or legal guardian's name
 - an Education Loan in the students name;
 - official financial or government sponsorship or scholarship



Common reasons visas are refused on maintenance

X Funds not in the name of the applicant or their parent/legal guardian

X Funds not held for 28 days

X Financial documents are dated after the visa fee has been paid

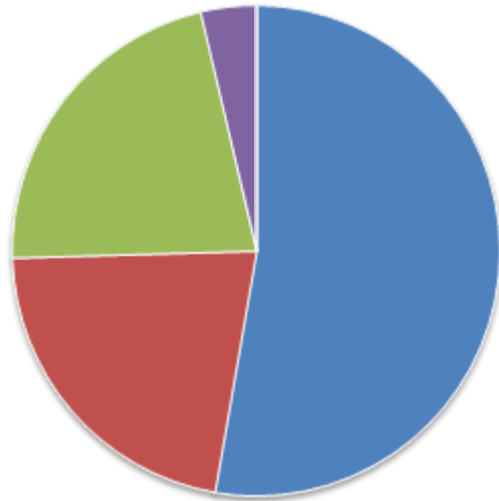
X Funds held in accounts by non-approved financial institutions

X Funds not held in current accounts, loans or other acceptable accounts

X Educational Loans with too many conditions



Reasons for Refusal



- Funds
- Attributes
- Genuine student
- General Grounds
- Other Reasons

Reasons for Refusal

Attributes

- Documents listed on CAS not submitted
- CAS already used

Funds

- Not holding the funds for 28 day period
- Funds held in a third party name
- Dated after the Date of Application
- Financial Institutions listed in Appendix P
- Official sponsor is not an international company
- Funds in other financial instruments

Frequent Questions

Lost BRP cards

- Student needs to report the loss to the Home Office & apply online for a “Replacement BRP visa” which will allow them single entry to the UK

ATAS Certificates

- Applicants can apply up to 9 months before the course starts and can apply when they are made a conditional offer

Switching visa categories in the UK

- Applicants should check that they can switch to the intended route in the UK. There are options to switch from T4 to T2, T5 or T1 as well as continue to study.



Options to stay on in the UK after studies

Tier 2 work visa

- Secure a graduate level job, within four months of completing your course, which pays £20,800 or more to stay for a further 3 years with the option to extend.

Tier 5 internship

- Secure an internship on a Government Authorised Exchange scheme, relating to your course, to stay for a further 12 months

Postgraduate and PhD options

- The Doctorate Extension Scheme allows completing students to stay for 12 months to gain work experience or set up as an entrepreneur

Graduate Entrepreneur Scheme

- If you have a business idea and funding to set up a business, you could switch onto the Graduate Entrepreneur Scheme and stay on in the UK to start up your business



Students at further education colleges can no longer switch visas in the UK after their course.

Myth busting

But I won't be able to stay on after my course and find a job?

I have heard that it's very difficult and cumbersome to get a UK study visa?

But isn't the UK unwelcoming to students and trying to keep the numbers coming down?

If I go to the UK I won't be able to work alongside studying to help pay for my course?

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