



## Pre-Arrival Information for International Students

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The Oxford College of Education (OCE) welcomes you to its campus. We are delighted that you have decided to study at one of the leading higher education institutions in the UK and we are sure that you will find your studies at OCE rewarding and interesting.

On arrival at the OCE campus you will have an opportunity to meet with OCE staff from diverse communities. We have experience in dealing with a range of matters that affect international students and you can obtain valuable advice and information from our office staff. The OCE staffs are committed to ensure that you make a successful transition and to provide you with support throughout your studies at OCE.

Once you have decided to study in the UK and have chosen a suitable course and institution, there are many practical arrangements you must make before leaving home. This briefing handout begins at the point where you will be starting your arrangement for entry clearance. However, there are several essential steps you must have undertaken before you think of applying for entry clearance.

Before leaving immigration control, check that the border force officer has put a date stamp (if you had a visa or entry clearance) in your passport.

After immigration control, you will be able to collect your baggage.

Covid -19 Test for Travel - Heathrow - Some countries may require proof of recent COVID-19 testing for entry. Please read carefully before you travel

<https://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control?priority-taxon=774cee22-d896-44c1-a611-e3109cce8eae>

<https://www.heathrow.com/at-the-airport/fly-safe/covid-19-test>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

## Red, amber and green list rules for entering England

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england>



## Booking and staying in a quarantine hotel if you've been in a red list country

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/booking-and-staying-in-a-quarantine-hotel-when-you-arrive-in-england>

## Coronavirus (COVID-19)

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

### Late Arrivals

International students are warned not to arrive after the start date of the course. However, in exceptional circumstances, students may join the course within two weeks of the start date. Please contact us if you are late to arrive.

### Entry into the UK refused

The UK Immigration Officers at all the UK airports will refuse you entry into the UK if you arrive after your 'latest start date' as detailed on your Visa Letter /late acceptance letter.

### Induction sessions should aim to:

- provide an overview of the institution and support services available,
- introduce appropriate academic staff.
- explain the way in which the course is organised, who to refer to in case of difficulty, and the arrangements for student representation.
- make certain that any specific health and safety requirements are made clear.
- Lesson plan
- Course modules
- Term time
- Holiday time
- Bank holiday
- Weekend
- Class allocation
- Building tour
- Introduce to other students
- Books
- Material
- Online log in details



## Travel to the UK

If you have successfully obtained entry clearance from the British High Commission / Embassy from your residing country, you are fully prepared for your travel to the UK. Before you leave home, please check website on how to reach your destination.

The following documents are needed when you arrive at the UK airport, where you will be interviewed by immigration officials. It is therefore important that you bring with you:

- A valid passport, with a visa or UK entry clearance, if required
- An air tickets
- An x-ray report, if required (Health Charge)
- Final Visa Letter provided by the institute
- Documentary evidence that you have enough money to pay your tuition fees and living expenses.
- All original certificates and mark sheets or any other qualifications.

Please do not forget to bring the following items when you are travelling to the UK.

- warm clothing
- British currency preferably some coins
- Address and telephone number of your destination

Please clarify to the entry clearance officer why you are coming to the UK, why choose this course and college, what you will achieve after finishing this course and what benefits you will gain after completing this course. Please also state your future plan, your/family source of income, previous immigration and travel history, family and other ties, and any other evidence. Make sure all the evidence and documents are genuine. The college will not refund your fees if you submit any false or unauthentic documents.

## Airport Pickup

OCE offers an airport pick up service for all newly enrolled international students arriving in UK for the first time. A payment of £120 will be made to meet up the cost.

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## Health Care

You might need to pay a healthcare surcharge (called the 'immigration health surcharge' or IHS) as part of your immigration application.

For more information Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/healthcare-immigration-application>

### Accommodation letter during studying at Oxford College of Education

We highly recommend students explore and book his/her accommodation.  
Here are a few recommended accommodation links below:

Urban Student Life - Alexandra House

[https://wearehomesforstudents.com/student-accommodation/high-wycombe/alexandra-house?utm\\_source=Google%20My%20Business&utm\\_medium=organic&utm\\_campaign=Alexandra%20House%20GMB](https://wearehomesforstudents.com/student-accommodation/high-wycombe/alexandra-house?utm_source=Google%20My%20Business&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=Alexandra%20House%20GMB)

Amberstudent

[https://amberstudent.com/places/london-house-high-wycombe-1904201332698?utm\\_source=google\\_adwords&utm\\_campaign=UK-DSA&utm\\_content=London-All-Inventory&keyword=&gclid=CjwKCAjw95yJBhAgEiwAmRrutBcRSAzx0\\_OB0nu8RLW4kMrAICJ8FjnQ\\_zcyYD5KC0gmx3oC7p9IhhoCbYQQAvD\\_BwE](https://amberstudent.com/places/london-house-high-wycombe-1904201332698?utm_source=google_adwords&utm_campaign=UK-DSA&utm_content=London-All-Inventory&keyword=&gclid=CjwKCAjw95yJBhAgEiwAmRrutBcRSAzx0_OB0nu8RLW4kMrAICJ8FjnQ_zcyYD5KC0gmx3oC7p9IhhoCbYQQAvD_BwE)

Student Accommodation in High Wycombe.

<https://www.rightmove.co.uk/student-accommodation/High-Wycombe.html>

Book homestay accommodation in the United Kingdom with Homestay.com

<https://www.homestay.com/united-kingdom>

Homestay Across The UK

<https://www.hosts-international.com/>

Student Accommodation in High Wycombe

<https://sturents.com/student-accommodation/high-wycombe/>

Wycombe Student Houses

<https://www.wycombestudenthouses.com/>

Spare Room

[https://student.spareroom.co.uk/accommodation/high\\_wycombe](https://student.spareroom.co.uk/accommodation/high_wycombe)

Unilodgers

<https://www.unilodgers.com/>





However, the College will help to find the accommodation nearby after confirming student received visa. Students can pay accommodation fees direct to the landlord /estate agent /hostel /hotel. In case student unable to book their accommodation, college can certainly help on behalf of the student if the student fills our accommodation form and return to us with fees.

Student Accommodation Form

<http://www.oxfordce.co.uk/download/arf.pdf>

## Living Cost

<https://www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa>

before you fly, we recommend visiting and explore below links:

Doctors in High Wycombe

<http://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/li/doctors.in.High%20Wycombe/>

Activities near High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/thingstodo/activities?search-for=51.6316,-0.747753>

Eden Shopping Centre, High Wycombe

<https://www.edenshopping.co.uk/>

Wycombe Hospital

<http://www.nhs.uk/Services/hospitals/Overview/DefaultView.aspx?id=RXQ50>

Train:

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High Wycombe and London Marylebone is 34 minutes. On an average weekday, there are 120 trains per day travelling from London Marylebone to High Wycombe

<https://www.thetrainline.com/train-times/london-marylebone-to-high-wycombe>

10 Top Tourist Attractions in London



<http://www.touropia.com/tourist-attractions-in-london>

Bicester Village Luxury village-style shopping area showcasing leading fashion brands at discounted prices.

<https://www.bicestervillage.com/en/home>

The Rye in High Wycombe (river, park and gym)

<http://www.wycomberyelido.com>

Largest book shop

<https://www.waterstones.com>

Police in High Wycombe

<https://www.police.uk/thames-valley/N409/>

Things to Know Before Visiting the UK

<https://www.thetalkingsuitcase.com/20-things-to-know-before-visiting-london/>

Apply Short-term study visa

<https://www.gov.uk/visa-to-study-english>

Health

Tuberculosis tests for visa applicants

<https://www.gov.uk/tb-test-visa>



## Going through immigration control

If you arrive at an airport, you pass through immigration control first (before collecting your luggage). There are usually two main queues: one for European Economic Area and Swiss nationals, and one for everyone else.

Make sure you join the correct queue. A border force officer will look at your passport and check your visa/entry clearance or assess you as a visitor if you are a non-visa national applying at the border. Make sure you have the right documents, in your hand luggage, if a border force officer is assessing you as a visitor /student at the border and you are asked to provide them.

When you enter the UK with Student immigration permission, the border force officer must be satisfied.

You should also have documents relating to:

- 1 Passport
- 2 Visa
- 3 College – Visa letter
- 4 Course Fees paid evidence
- 5 Course Start date and Finish date
- 6 Course enrolment/induction date
- 7 NHS surcharge fee paid evidence
- 8 TB Certificate (Must be an authorised hospital) certificate
- 9 Original Education Transcripts/Certificates,
- 10 Education Transcripts/Certificates in English (if needed)
- 11 IELTS or another authorised English Certificate ( if any )
- 12 Bank statement
- 13 Bank manager latter
- 14 Birth Certificate (if using parents' bank statements)
- 15 Letter from Parents (if under 18, or using parents' bank statements)
- 16 Any other documents you have