

Understanding Enrolly CAS Shield

CAS Shield is an online platform used by UK universities and other education providers to collect and check information from international students as part of the CAS preparation process. Understanding the process, preparing documents in advance and providing accurate and consistent information can help avoid unnecessary delays.

What Are CAS Shield and the CAS?

CAS Shield is a platform developed by Enrolly. It provides an online workspace through which education providers can manage information required from international students. Depending on the institution, it may also support parts of the visa, travel and arrival process.

A Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies, or CAS, is a virtual record assigned by a licensed Student sponsor through the UKVI Sponsorship Management System. It contains a unique reference number and information about the student and their course. Students applying under the Student route need a CAS reference number for their visa application.

Organisation	Role
Enrolly	Provides the CAS Shield platform
University or other licensed sponsor	Decides whether to assign the CAS
UK Visas and Immigration	Decides the Student visa application

Preparing for CAS Shield

Students should prepare their documents before starting the process and follow the instructions and deadlines provided by their own university. The exact documents requested depend on the institution, programme and student's circumstances.

- Current passport and, where relevant, previous passports and visas
- University offer letter, academic certificates and transcripts
- English language evidence, where required
- Financial evidence, tuition fee payments and scholarship or sponsorship documents
- Previous visa refusal information, where applicable
- TB or ATAS certificates, depending on individual circumstances

Previous visa refusals should always be declared accurately. Providing inaccurate or inconsistent immigration information can create more serious problems than the previous refusal itself.

Checking Information, Finances and Documents

Students should carefully check personal details, passport information, course details and academic information held in CAS Shield. Information should be consistent with the university application, supporting documents and subsequent Student visa application.

Students should understand their tuition fees, payments already made, source of funding and expected living costs. If supported by parents, another sponsor or a scholarship, they should understand the funding arrangements and what evidence supports those arrangements.

Uploaded documents should be genuine, complete and clearly readable. Students should check any format requirements specified by their university before submitting them.

Pre-CAS and UKVI Credibility Interviews

Depending on the university, some students may be required to complete a pre-CAS credibility interview before a CAS is assigned. UKVI may separately interview an applicant as part of the Student visa process.

Preparation should include understanding the chosen course and university, reasons for studying in the UK, previous education, finances, immigration history, accommodation and future plans. Preparation should not mean memorising somebody else's answers.

WorldStudentAdvisors supports students with preparation and practice but does not provide scripted or manufactured answers. Students are expected to understand and communicate their own genuine circumstances.

Completing CAS Shield does not mean that a CAS has been assigned. Even after a CAS has been assigned, the Student visa decision remains with UKVI and is not guaranteed.

The Key Message

CAS Shield helps universities collect and check the information they need before deciding whether to assign a CAS. Completing CAS Shield does not automatically mean that a CAS will be assigned, and receiving a CAS does not guarantee that UKVI will grant a Student visa.

Students should follow their university's instructions carefully, provide genuine and complete documents, understand their finances and immigration history, and ensure that information remains accurate and consistent throughout the university, CAS and Student visa process.

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