



## **APPLYING FOR A VISA TO COME TO THE UK** **T5 CERTIFICATE OF SPONSORSHIP and T5 VISA**

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Students selected through the “Thesis Abroad” call who come in the UK may **need a T5 Certificate of Sponsorship** and a T5 visa. T5 GAE applicants first need a sponsor before they can apply for their visa. The **British Council** and Ecorys are licensed Category A sponsors

Applicants must have their CoS **before** they apply for their T5 GAE visa via the [UK Government website](#). Please note that applying for a CoS and applying for a visa are **two separate processes**. The earliest you can apply for a T5 GAE visa is **3 months before** the date you are due to start work. The start date is on your CoS. You should get a decision on your T5 GAE visa within 3 weeks when you apply from outside the UK.

**British Council** will need scanned copies of the following document in PDF or Word format.

- a fully completed T5HE Student Application Form
- the confirmation letter from the sending university (**provided by Unimi**)
- the acceptance letter from the host organisation
- a brief description of the thesis project research (in English; signed by Unimi)
- a transcript of records from the sending institution
- a full copy of the participant's passport
- criminal record check for overseas participants (if applicable)
- a copy of the employment (only required if the participant is being paid a salary from the host organisation).

**→ Further information and handbook**

### **T5 VISA**

General information: <https://www.gov.uk/youth-mobility>

**→ Applying for a visa**



## Confirm your visa type

Confirm what type of visa you want to apply for from the options below. If you are not sure, use the check if you need a UK visa tool, or see the visas and immigration guidance pages for information.

- Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) visa - Charity Worker
- Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) visa - Creative and Sporting
- Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) visa - Religious Worker
- Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) visa - Government Authorised Exchange
- Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) visa - International Agreement
- Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) visa - Youth Mobility Scheme
- Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) visa - Seasonal Worker

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[→ Follow the instructions](#)

## Select a country to provide your biometrics

To complete your application, you must make arrangements to provide your biometrics (fingerprints and facial photograph) with our commercial partner, which may involve attending one of their centres. You will be able to see the options available to you after you have completed your application and continue to our commercial partner's website.

**Enter the country in which you are making your application and wish to provide your biometrics**

Italy

[Can I enter any country?](#)

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[→ Check available biometric enrolment locations](#)



## Apply for a Tier 5 (Youth Mobility Scheme) visa

You can apply for a Tier 5 (Youth Mobility Scheme) visa if you:

- want to live and work in the UK for up to 2 years
- are aged 18 to 30
- have £1,890 in savings
- have certain types of British Nationality or are from [certain countries](#)
- meet the other [eligibility requirements](#)

You cannot apply if you have:

- children who live with you
- children you are financially responsible for
- already been in the UK under the scheme or in the former 'working holidaymaker' category

### Before you start

Before you start your application, [read the guidance](#)

- eligibility
- required documents
- fees
- requirement for some applicants to [get a TB test](#)
- how long it will take to get your visa

### How to apply

To apply for a Tier 5 (Youth Mobility Scheme) visa, you need to:

- complete the application form and answer in English
- pay the [health surcharge](#)
- pay for the [visa fee](#) online (in most cases)
- provide your biometrics (fingerprints and facial photograph) for a [biometric residence permit](#)

If you are inactive for 25 minutes you will be automatically logged out. You will be able to save your application and come back to it another time if you need to.

### Biometric information

As part of the application process, you are also required to apply for a biometric immigration document, commonly known as a [biometric residence permit \(BRP\)](#).

### How we use your data

The Home Office will use the personal information you provide to consider your application. We may also share your information with other public and private sector organisations in the UK and overseas. For more detail please see the [Privacy Notice for the Border, Immigration and Citizenship system](#). This also sets out your rights under the Data Protection Act 2018 and explains how you can access your personal information and complain if you have concerns about how we are using it.

[Apply now](#)

→ [Fill-in the fields:](#)

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