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# Youth Mobility Scheme visa (Tier 5)

## 1. Overview

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 (<https://www.gov.uk/tier-5-youth-mobility/eligibility>)
- meet the other eligibility requirements (<https://www.gov.uk/tier-5-youth-mobility/eligibility>)

## How long it will take

The earliest you can apply for a visa is 6 months before you travel.

**Example** You can apply from 16 March if you plan to travel on 15 September.

You should get a decision on your visa within 3 weeks when you apply from outside the UK.

Find out about paying for a faster decision (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/visa-decision-waiting-times-applications-outside-the-uk>).

## Fees

It costs £244 to apply.

You'll also have to pay the healthcare surcharge (<https://www.gov.uk/healthcare-immigration-application/pay>) as part of your application. Check how much you'll have to pay before you apply (<https://www.immigration-health-surcharge.service.gov.uk/checker/type>).

## How long you can stay

You'll be given a visa to live and work in the UK for up to 24 months.

You can enter the UK at any time while your visa is valid, and leave and come back at any time during your stay.

If you turn 31 while you're in the UK, you can stay for as long as your visa is valid.

## What you can and cannot do

You can:

- study - for some courses you'll need an Academic Technology Approval Scheme certificate (<https://www.gov.uk/academic-technology-approval-scheme>)

- work in most jobs
- be self-employed and set up a company - as long as your premises are rented, your equipment is not worth more than £5,000 and you do not have any employees

You cannot:

- work as a professional sportsperson (for example as a coach), doctor or dentist in training - unless you can show you qualified in the UK
- extend your stay
- get public funds (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-funds--2>)
- bring in family members on your application - they must apply separately

## 2. Eligibility

You can apply for a Tier 5 (Youth Mobility Scheme) visa if you're aged 18 to 30 and you're from:

- Australia
- Canada
- Japan
- Monaco
- New Zealand
- Hong Kong
- Republic of Korea
- Taiwan

You can also apply if you're 18 to 30 and a:

- British overseas citizen (<https://www.gov.uk/types-of-british-nationality/british-overseas-citizen>)
- British overseas territories citizen (<https://www.gov.uk/types-of-british-nationality/british-overseas-territories-citizen>)
- British national (overseas) (<https://www.gov.uk/types-of-british-nationality/british-national-overseas>)

You cannot apply if you have:

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

## Money

You must have £1,890 in savings.

## 3. Documents you must provide

When you apply you'll need to provide:

- a current passport or other valid travel ID
- a bank statement showing you have at least £1,890 in savings
- your tuberculosis (TB) test results (<https://www.gov.uk/tb-test-visa>) if you're from a country where you have to take the test

You need a blank page in your passport for your visa.

You'll need to provide a certified translation (<https://www.gov.uk/certifying-a-document>) of any documents that are not in English or Welsh.

Read the guide for a full list of documents (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-visa-applications-under-tier-5-youth-mobility-scheme>) you can provide.

You may need to provide additional documents depending on your circumstances.

## 4. Apply

Read the Tier 5 (Youth Mobility Scheme) guidance (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-visa-applications-under-tier-5-youth-mobility-scheme>) before you apply.

You'll also have to pay the healthcare surcharge (<https://www.gov.uk/healthcare-immigration-application/pay>) as part of your application. Check how much you'll have to pay before you apply (<https://www.immigration-health-surcharge.service.gov.uk/checker/type>).

### Apply outside the UK

You must apply online (<https://visas-immigration.service.gov.uk/apply-visa-type/tier5>) for this visa.

You'll need to have your fingerprints and photograph taken at a visa application centre (<https://www.gov.uk/find-a-visa-application-centre>) (to get a biometric residence permit) as part of your application.

You'll have to collect your biometric residence permit (<https://www.gov.uk/biometric-residence-permits/collect>) within 10 days of when you said you'd arrive in the UK (even if you actually arrive at a later date).

Find out how to get your visa decision faster (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/visa-decision-waiting-times-applications-outside-the-uk>) - this depends on what country you're in. Check if your visa application centre offers faster decisions and other services.

### North Korea

You cannot apply online if you're living in North Korea.

You must still be from one of the eligible countries (<https://www.gov.uk/tier-5-youth-mobility/eligibility>) to get this visa, even if you're applying from another country.

To apply from North Korea you must:

- download the application form and guidance (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/application-form-for-uk-visa-to-work-study-and-for-dependants-and-right-of-abode-form-vaf2>) - read the guidance if you need help filling in the form
- read the instructions (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/democratic-peoples-republic-of-korea-apply-for-a-uk-visa>) to find out where to take your completed form