

Pre-arrival Information for International Students

Before you arrive in the UK:

Visa Information

International Students need to obtain an International Student Visa if they want to study full time courses in the UK.

We would remind Students that they need to allow sufficient time to apply for a Student visa in order to ensure their application is successful. Visa applications should be submitted in sufficient time prior to the start date of the course to ensure medical checks, assessments and interviews can be completed.

Entry Clearance as a Student (Student Visa)

The UK Government recently introduced a new Points Based System of immigration for all entrants to the UK from outside the European Union. Students applying for entry clearance will be required to score 40 points to be awarded a Student Visa. In order to be granted a visa or entry clearance you will need to:

- Have sufficient funds to pay for one years Tuition Fees and living costs in the UK (10 points)
- Hold an unconditional offer of a place on a course at an Institution holding a sponsor license (30 points)
- Provide original and/or certified supporting documents, for example Degree or IELTS certificates.
- Hold a valid Passport

Community Revival (UK) will support you through the visa application process by providing you with the latest information, appropriate letters and documents.

Student Meet & Greet

If you would to be picked up from Manchester Airport (or the local train/bus station if arriving in the country at another airport), we will be happy to do so. You will be met by a Community Revival member of staff who will be displaying a name board for you in the Arrival Hall. You and your luggage will be dropped off at your accommodation anywhere in Greater Manchester. The charge for this service is £30 (in addition to your tuition fees, etc) which must be paid before you travel to the UK and you must notify Community Revival at least 2 weeks before you are planning to arrive in the UK.

Further Information

Living Costs - Manchester offers students a lower cost of living than most other parts of the UK. In addition to your tuition fees you will need living expenses to cover the following:

- Accommodation & household items
- Food
- Books & stationery
- Clothing
- Telephone calls/ Postage
- Travel
- Entertainment & leisure

Your expenditure will depend on your lifestyle and the type of accommodation you may have. You will spend more than normal in your first week or two as you establish yourself, but your expenditure will soon settle down. Careful students can manage on £100/week.

Approximate expenses per month:

Accommodation	£220-£320
Food/Household Goods	£120
Entertainment	£75
Phone/Postage	£20
Misc	£20

Possible additional annual expenses:

Household Items	£120
Books & Stationery	£250
Warm Clothing	£250
Travel outside Manchester	£200
Baggage Expenses	£180

(Please note that the above figures are a guide only)

Discounted Travel: You can purchase a Weekly Saver ticket for £13.50 that enables unlimited bus travel on any Stagecoach bus in Greater Manchester

Student Accommodation Support

Community Revival can help students secure comfortable and affordable accommodation before they start their course with us. We work with a number of letting agents that will ensure you can live within easy reach of our campus.

Safety and welfare is of paramount importance so please ensure that:

- the accommodation is recognised and registered
- you have confirmed the health & safety and security of the premises before becoming a tenant
- you are aware of the appropriate documentation you need regarding your accommodation (Community Revival can support you with this)
- you visit the accommodation under a safe environment
- you report any concerns or risks about your accommodation to Community Revival
- you immediately notify Community Revival about any change of address

Student Accommodation in Manchester

Opal

www.cosmostudents.com

211 Hathersage Road

Victoria Park

Manchester

M13 0JQ

(0161 225 8881

www.opalstudents.com

Unite Student

25 Chester Road

Manchester

M15 6JX

(0161) 923 8200

Student Property Shop

www.studentpropertyshop.com

Stockport Union

Wellington Road North

Manchester

SK1 3UQ

(0161) 958 3100

www.stockportsu.com

Liberty Court

Court 1 & 2

87 Dantzig Street

City Centre

Manchester M4 4DW

(0161 831 7896

www.libertyliving.co.uk

Manchester Student Village

Lower Chatham Street

City Centre

Manchester M1 5SX

(0161 200 5540

www.mcrstudents.com

CSH Student

Grafton St

Manchester M13

0870 600 4777

Homes4u

406 Barlow Moor Rd

Chorlton
Manchester

(0161) 882 1571
www.homes4u.co.uk

UK Visas

Foreign and Commonwealth Office, King Charles Street, London, SW1A 2AH

Telephone: +44 (0)845 010 5555 (General Enquiries) **Fax:** +44 (0)20 7008 8359 or 8361
e-mail: visas.foruk@fco.gov.uk

UK Home Office

www.homeoffice.gov.uk

The Student Council

[www.ukcisa.org.uk/British Council](http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/British_Council)

British Council, Manchester Office:

British Council, Bridgewater House, 58 Whitworth Street, Manchester M1 6BB

Telephone: +44 (0)161 957 7000 **Fax:** +44 (0)161 957 7111

City of Manchester

Here are some websites you can use to learn and obtain information about the city of Manchester.

www.visitmanchester.com

www.manchester.com

www.manchesterairport.co.uk

www.manchesteronline.co.uk

Registering with the Police

The UK's Home Office requires Students from some countries to register with the police. More information about this requirement can be found on the Home Office Website.

If an Immigration Officer has stamped your passport with a requirement to register with the police, you must do this within seven days of your arrival in the UK.

When you register with the Police you will need to take the following:

- Your passport and two passport size photographs
- Your Letter of Acceptance from Community Revival (UK) showing the course you are taking and how long it lasts, or a copy of your Learning Agreement.
- A fee of £34 (cash only) will have to be paid and you will have to complete a registration form. Once registration is complete, you will be issued with a Police Registration Certificate. You should carry this certificate with you at all times to prove your identity. You can then put your Passport in a safe place, so that it does not get lost or stolen. It is very difficult and expensive to get a replacement Passport.

Registering with a Doctor (General Practitioner –GP) or with a Dentist

In the UK, before you can receive any treatment other than emergency treatment, you need to register with a Doctor (also known as a general practitioner – GP). You also need to register with a Dentist to receive dental treatment.

To do this, once in the UK you should contact the appropriate Health Authority Office and ask for details of Doctors and Dentists in your local area who have places at their practices. Alternatively, visit your local Doctor or Dentist surgery in person.

For a full list of Manchester doctors and dentists, visit the Manchester NHS website.

Two local surgeries close to Community Revival UK are:

Kaya Practice

1 Nicolas Road
Chorlton-cum-Hardy
Manchester M21 9NJ

T: 0161 881 6131

Dr Radcliffe & Chew-Graham

Chorlton Health Centre

Nicolas Road
Manchester M21 9NJ

T: 0161 881 4545

Opening a Bank Account

To qualify for a 'Student Account', Students from outside the UK who are aged 18 or over and studying in the UK for at least six months should be able to open a 'basic bank account' with most UK banks. A basic bank account allows you to pay money in and take money out, but does not allow access to credit. You will be given a cash card that you can use at any

cash machine must have lived in the UK for the previous three years and be studying on a higher education course.

If you already have an account in your home country with a bank that has a branch in Manchester, it makes sense to open an account with that bank. Enquire at your bank in your home country to find out if they have any UK branches.

To open a bank account in the UK, you will need proof of who you are and where you live. You will need your, with a valid visa. You also need a letter, on headed paper from Community Revival (UK) and with an Institute stamp, addressed to the bank of your choice confirming

- The Name of the Bank and the full Address of the Branch
- Your UK and Overseas Addresses
- The Title of your Course
- The Start and End dates of your Course
- Whether the Course is Full time or Part time

You can apply for this letter through the Institute International Office.

Contacting Community Revival's International Office

The Office is based at Community Revival (UK), Chorlton, Manchester M21 0BQ.

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Fax: +44 (0) 161 881 5051

Email: info@communityrevival.co.uk