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# CAS POLICY FOR STUDENTS

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The Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) is a unique online code of letters and numbers that is assigned to you by LSHTM as your Student Visa sponsor. If you have a valid CAS then you will score 70 points towards your Student Visa Student visa application.

## Students who need a CAS

- Continuing students who are already registered at the School, but who need to extend their Student Visa Student visa in order to complete their course.
- Students undertaking a taught course via split-study mode and will be returning to LSHTM for a period of 6 months or more.
- Students who are applying for the Student Visa Doctorate Extension Scheme.

## Requesting a CAS

Students must be fully registered on a full-time course of study to be eligible for a CAS. Research students on writing-up status are eligible for a CAS up to the end of their writing-up period.

Students who need a CAS should request one in good time before their current leave expires. Students must complete a CAS Form and return it to the CAS Team with a copy of their current UK visa, passport and evidence of maintenance funds. Students must also ensure that a registration form for the current academic session has been submitted and that registration dates have been confirmed with the CAS Team.

The CAS Team will obtain confirmation from the student's supervisor that the student is making acceptable academic progress and check that no fees are outstanding for the current academic session. The School will endeavour to issue a CAS within 10 working days of receiving a completed request with valid supporting documents.

## General conditions for issuing a CAS (MSc and Research)

The CAS Team will not issue a CAS in the following circumstances:

- To cover periods of X-Status or interruption of studies.
- To cover periods beyond the expected end date of registration.
- To cover resits for examinations, assessments or modules as part of a taught course programme.
- If the student has any outstanding tuition fees owed to the School for the current academic session.
- If the student has not made satisfactory academic progress at the time when the CAS request is received.
- If a student is registered part-time and/or is registered on a programme of study that is less than 6 months. This category includes LSHTM Capacity Strengthening Research Degree Scheme students who from 1 June 2012 will normally be registered part time.

- If the applicant has not provided supporting documents that fully meet the requirements for Student Visa. This includes but is not limited to financial evidence for maintenance funds.
- If the applicant provides false or incorrect information on their CAS Request Form or in correspondence with the School.
- If the student cannot demonstrate that they will be able to arrive at the School by their expected start date.
- If the School has demonstrable reason to believe that the visa application will be refused, or that an application will not be made in accordance with the Immigration Rules.
- If the School has reason to believe that the applicant will not comply with the conditions of their permission to stay in the UK.
- If the applicant has not met all of the offer conditions for their course.
- If the applicant's course at the School will not represent academic progression as defined in the Student Visa Sponsor Guidance.
- If the applicant's course at the School would exceed the time limit on Student Visa study outlined in the Student Visa Sponsor Guidance.
- If the applicant has not provided supporting documents that fully meet the requirements for Student Visa. This includes but is not limited to financial evidence for maintenance funds.
- If the applicant provides false or incorrect information on their CAS Request Form or in correspondence with the School.
- If the School has reason to believe that the visa application will be refused, or that an application will not be made in accordance with the Immigration Rules.
- If the applicant cannot demonstrate that they will be able to arrive at the School by their expected start date.
- If the School has reason to believe that the applicant will not comply with the conditions of their permission to stay in the UK.