

## ATAS certificate

You will need an ATAS certificate to do certain types of study and research in the UK. Without this certificate, your visa application will be refused.

### Do I need an ATAS certificate?

If you need an ATAS certificate, you will usually get a statement with your offer letter confirming that you need ATAS and telling you what to do next.

### When should I apply for ATAS?

You should apply once you receive your offer letter from the University. If you do not have your ATAS certificate you will not be able to make a valid **student visa application** ([/International/students/visas/student.aspx](http://International/students/visas/student.aspx)).

### How do I apply for ATAS?

To apply for ATAS you need a statement from the University confirming the subject of your research or study. This is usually sent with your offer letter. If you don't have this statement, but need an ATAS certificate, please contact your Admissions Officer, whose details are on your offer letter.

Once you have your statement you can make your ATAS certificate application online to the Foreign Commonwealth Office (FCO). This should take no longer than 30 minutes to complete.

- **Apply online for your ATAS certificate** (<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/about-us/what-we-do/services-we-deliver/atas/apply-online/>)

You will then need to wait for your application to be processed and for your certificate to be emailed to you. Average waiting times for ATAS at present range from 4 to 7 weeks.

### I already have an ATAS certificate, do I need a new one?

If you already have an ATAS certificate you should read the **ISAS page for continuing students** (<http://www.as.bham.ac.uk/studentlife/international/visa/atas.shtml#already>).