

Inviting A Visitor

It is common for international students to want to have family and friends visit them in the UK. This could be a general visit, or for some special event such as attending your graduation ceremony or to visit over the Christmas holidays.

The person who wants to come to the UK as your visitor will need to make an application to the British Embassy/ High Commission in their home country. Below is some information that may help:

They should apply on the VAF 1 – Visitor form.

A Visitor Visa is for a maximum of six months.

A 'visitor' is not permitted to work, study or have access to Public Funds.

For a detailed explanation of the application process and documents the visitor will need to supply, please visit www.ukvisas.gov.uk

In addition to your visitor supplying information in support of their visa application, it would be helpful if you also supplied some information. We suggest that you write a letter of invite, for a sample letter [click here](#)

As you will see, the letter suggests some documents for you to provide. In order for the application for a Visitor Visa to be successful, it is important that you do send these documents. These documents will need to be submitted with the VAF 1 application form to the High Commission/British Embassy.