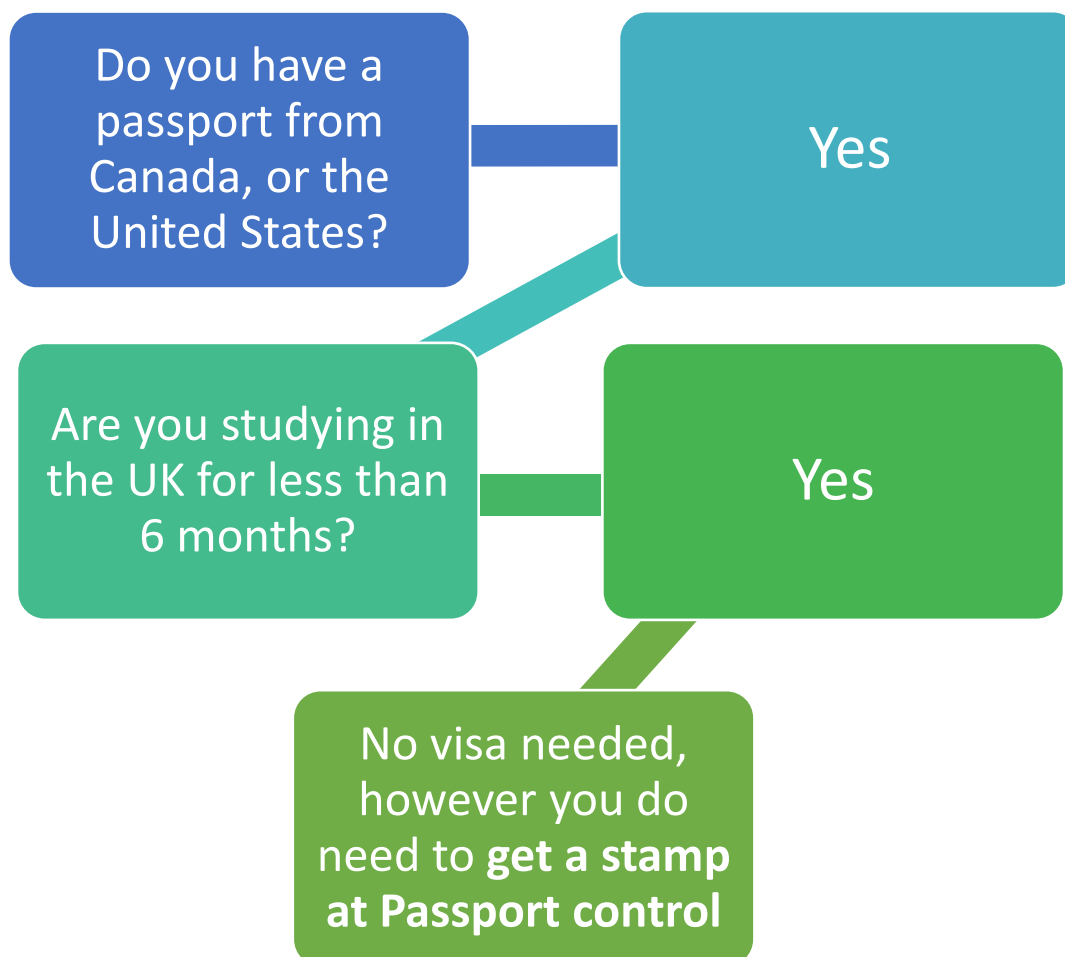




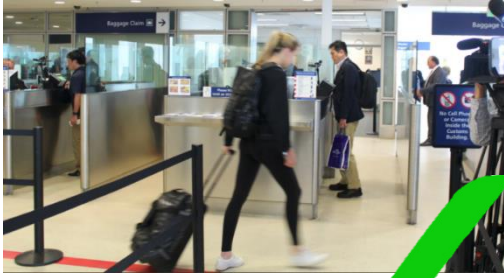
Incoming Study Abroad Fact Sheet

Short Term Student Stamp



As a student from Canada or the USA you do not need a visa, if you are coming to study in the UK for less than 6 months. However you will need a **Short Term Student Stamp**.

You get this stamp upon **first arrival** into the UK, whether that is London, Edinburgh or anywhere else. You will receive this stamp as you go through passport control. As a person holding an American or Canadian passport you will be directed to the e-Gates as this is the typical path of a tourist. As you are coming into the UK to study **you cannot go through the e-Gates**, as doing so will only give you a 30-day tourist 'visa'. Instead, you need to speak to a person at Border and Passport Control, in order to get a stamp.



These stamps are still relatively new, therefore you may need to politely but firmly tell the person who is directing you through Border Control that you need to see a person as you are entering as a short term student and therefore need this stamp.

We understand that you will be tired after getting off a long flight, it could be overwhelming if you aren't used to traveling, and there may be queues, but **it is very important that you get this stamp.**

It is also advised that you **DO NOT travel to the UK via the Republic of Ireland** (this includes the following airports: Dublin, Cork, Shannon, Knock & Kerry.) As the stamp given in the Republic of Ireland is only for 3 months and **you cannot get another stamp once you arrive in England or Scotland.** As travel from the Republic of Ireland to England or Scotland is within the Common Travel Area (highlighted green,) the flight is the equivalent of a domestic flight, therefore you will not come through Passport Control again.



Please email international@abertay.ac.uk if you have any questions or queries regarding any of the above information.

Happy travels!

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