

## Which Visa? Student Visa (Student Route) or Visitor Route

How to use this flowchart: the visa you need will depend on the length of your study as well as whether you wish to work in the UK or whether your programme includes a work placement module.

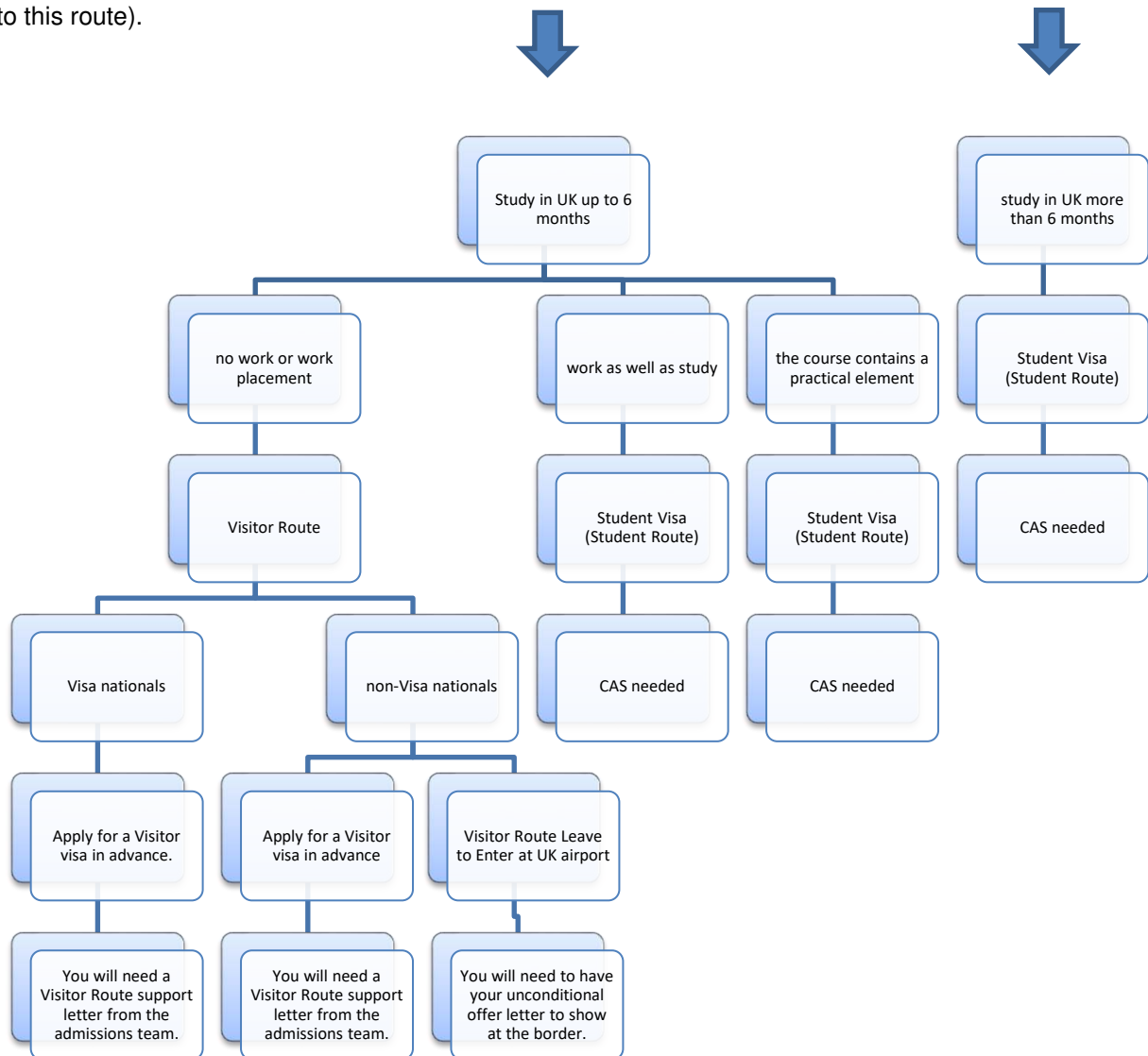
Start with the “Study in the UK for up to 6 months / Study in the UK more than 6 months at the top of the flow chart to be guided to the correct visa option.

### Notes:

Visitor Route: course can be full or part-time.

Student Visa: course has to be full-time and meet the Home Office definition for acceptable courses.

\*unless you are studying on a part-time postgraduate degree (see our [website](#) on restrictions relating to this route).



Please note that there is a third visa option: Short-Term Student Visa. This is only for those who plan to study on an English Language course for up to 11-months in duration. For more information on this route, please visit [UKCISA](#).

**Glossary of terms:**

CAS	Electronic Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies.
Visa nationals	Those nationals who need a visa for any visit to the UK, even a short stay. E.g. nationals from China, Russia, Nigeria, India...
non-Visa nationals	Nationals who can apply at the airport for permission to enter the UK, but only for short visits (up to 6 months), e.g. Canada, Japan, USA, Brazil, South Korea. EU/EEA/Swiss nationals are considered non-visa nationals
Work	Employment; paid and/or unpaid work
Practical Element	Teaching practice, work placement or other placement off campus (+voluntary work)

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