

UK BANKS

Below are some accounts that banks have suggested for international students, followed by what documents are needed.

To open most banks account, you can go directly to the branch to see if they're able to open an account for you on that day. If they're unable to do so, they'll book you in for an appointment. With some accounts, you may be able to complete an online application and then go to the branch to verify your account.

TSB

Classic Bank Account

International students are not qualified for the Student Account with TSB, but they can open the Classic Plus Account free of charge.

TSB recommends people to book an appointment first before going to the branch. This is to avoid disappointment as the appointments are 1 hour long.

Students must:

- Be over 18
- Have a UK residential address
- Provide 3 years address history
- Have a valid Passport with visa (BRP)
- A letter of introduction for UK banking facilities from the university

SANTANDER

Essential Current Account

International students can apply for an Essential Current Account online or book an appointment at a local branch. International students would only qualify for the Student Account if they have lived in the UK for at least 3 years.

Students must:

- Be over 18
- Have a UK residential address
- Have a valid email address and mobile number
- Provide 3 years address history
- Course must be a minimum of 1 year
- Have a valid Passport with visa (BRP)
- Student ID Card
- A letter of introduction for UK banking facilities from the university

HSBC

HSBC Bank Account

Students can book an appointment by calling 03457 404 404 between 8am-10pm (GMT). To avoid disappointment, the bank recommends people to book an appointment first instead of going straight to the branch.

International students will not qualify for the Student Account unless they have been in the UK for 3 years but international students will still qualify for the HSBC Bank account.

Students must:

- Be over 18
 - Have a UK residential address
 - Provide 3 years address history
 - Have a valid Passport and Visa (BRP)
 - A letter of introduction for UK banking facilities from the university
 - Must be able to pay £500 per month or a minimum of £3000 every 6 months- this does not apply if you are under 24 or over 65 years old.
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HALIFAX

Student Account

International students can qualify for the Student Account at Halifax. Students can either complete the application online, then go to the branch with their reference number to show their ID and university letter.

Alternatively, students can book an appointment and go to the branch to complete the whole application.

Students must:

- Be over 18
 - Studying full-time on a course of at least 2 years' duration, or a one-year full-time access course leading to a degree.
 - Have a UK residential address
 - Provide 3 years address history
 - Have a valid Passport and visa (BRP)
 - A letter of introduction for UK banking facilities from the university
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NATIONWIDE BUILDING SOCIETY

FlexStudent

International students can qualify for the FlexStudent account. It is recommended that students book an appointment in advance before going to the branch to open the account.

Student can open the account within 2 months of the course start date- either side (can apply 2 months before course start or 2 months after course starts) The bank will do a quick UK Credit Check as part of the application process.

Students must:

- Be over 18
 - Course must be a minimum of 2 years
 - Have a UK residential address
 - Have a valid Passport with visa (BRP)
 - Student ID Card
 - A letter of introduction for UK banking facilities from the university
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BARCLAYS

International Student Account

International students can start the application online and then go to the branch with their reference number to validate their ID. They can also book an appointment with a branch to complete the full application.

Students must:

- Be over 18
- Undergraduate course must be over 2 years duration
- Have a UK residential address
- Have a valid email address and mobile number
- Provide 3 years address history
- Have a valid Passport and visa (BRP)
- A letter of introduction for UK banking facilities from the university
- Student ID Card

Barclay Basic Current Account

Recommend booking an appointment to complete this application. Students may not be seen by an adviser if going to the branch without an appointment.

Student must:

- Be over 18
- Have a valid Passport and Visa (BRP)
- Proof of address (Utility bills/ tax reference/ UK drivers Licence/council tax/ council tenancy agreement/ benefit letter)
- A letter of introduction for UK banking facilities from the university

LLOYDS

Classic Account

The application can be done online but you would need to go to the branch to verify your id. Alternatively, students can go to the branch but it is recommended that students book an appointment first to avoid disappointment.

Students must:

- Be over 18
- Have a UK residential address
- Have a valid Passport with visa (BRP)
- A letter of introduction for UK banking facilities from the university

International Student Account

The application can only be done online. This account has a monthly £10 fee.

Students must:

- Be over 18
- Address for the last 3 years Have a UK residential address
- Have a valid Passport with visa (BRP)
- A letter of introduction for UK banking facilities from the university
- Valid email address and mobile number