

The British Government's Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) is designed to check and approve students who will undertake postgraduate studies and research in certain science and technology subjects. If you are a non-EEA student and want to study a course leading to a postgraduate qualification at LSBU, you may need to apply for an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate.

Your immigration and ATAS

To be enrolled on certain courses at LSBU you are required to have been granted an ATAS certificate.

If you are applying for any type of visa to study one of the listed courses, you are also required to submit your ATAS certificate to support your visa application. This is particularly relevant for those students who need to apply for a Tier 4 (General) student visa. Failure to do so could result in your visa application being refused by the Home Office.

Do I need to apply for ATAS?

You will need to apply for an ATAS certificate if you have an offer to study any of the following courses at LSBU:

- MEng (Hons) Advanced Vehicle Engineering (CAH10-01-02)
- MEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering (CAH10-01-02)
- MEng (Hons) Power Engineering (Mechanical) (CAH10-01-02)
- MEng(Hons) Chemical and Process Engineering (CAH10-01-09)
- MEng(Hons) Mechanical Engineering (CAH10-01-02)
- MEng(Hons) Petroleum Engineering (CAH10-01-09)
- MRes Applied Science (CAH03-01-02)
- MRes Electrical and Electronic Engineering (CAH10-01-08)
- MRes General Engineering (CAH10-01-01)
- MRes Human Sciences (CAH03-01-08)
- MSc Chemical Engineering and Process Management (CAH10-01-09)
- MSc Mechanical Engineering (CAH10-01-02)
- MSc Petroleum Engineering (CAH10-01-09)
- PhD Allied Health Professions (CAH02-03-12)
- PhD Chemical, Process and Energy Engineering (CAH10-01-09)
- PhD Computer Science and Informatics (CAH11-01-01)
- PhD Electronic and Electrical Engineering (CAH10-01-08)

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- PhD General Engineering (CAH10-01-01)
- PhD Health Studies (CAH02-03-12)
- PhD Human Sciences (CAH03-01-08)
- PhD Mechanical Engineering (CAH10-01-02)
- Professional Doctorate in Health and Social Care (CAH02-03-12)

You will also need to apply for ATAS if you are already studying one of the above courses at LSBU and:

- you are applying to switch immigration category or are applying to extend your immigration permission (leave to remain) in the UK
- your course end date has changed and you are applying to extend your Tier 4 (General) student visa to continue and complete your course
- your research area or modules change
- you need further leave as a Tier 4 student to write up your thesis (and your current visa was issued before 30th November 2007)
- you change courses and your new course requires ATAS
- you change institutions
- Applying for a short-term study visa (if applicable)

How do I apply?

Applying for an ATAS clearance is free of charge. Visit the ATAS website for more information on applying: www.gov.uk/academic-technology-approval-scheme

If you are applying for a Tier 4 (General) student visa you will need to apply for ATAS clearance and receive your ATAS certificate prior to submitting your visa application. You are required to include your ATAS certificate with your application to the Home Office so apply for this in plenty of time. It can take at least 4 weeks to obtain your certificate but it is advisable to apply as early as possible.

If you have applied for ATAS clearance and are concerned that you have not received a response after 20 working days you can contact the Immigration and International Student Advice team: international.advice@lsbu.ac.uk

ATAS clearance is a requirement of the Tier 4 General visa and failure to provide your certificate with your visa application could lead to an immigration refusal

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What will you be studying?

For Research courses please write the description of your thesis/area of research as provided in your unconditional offer of study.

For taught Masters degrees, please list the elective and core modules of study.

Who should I use as referees?

You need to give details of at least 2 referees and one of them must be an academic from your country of origin, You must have known your referees for at least 3 years. If you have studied your UG degree outside your home country, you can use a referee that is not from your home country.

Can I get my CAS without ATAS?

No, If you are applying for a Tier 4 general visa it is unlikely that your CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies) will be processed until your ATAS is granted.

I have my ATAS. What do I do now?

All ATAS certificates will be send to the university directly.

You can read our guidance on My LSBU:

[Extending your visa as a Tier 4 student](#)

[Applying for Entry Clearance as a Tier 4 student](#)

[Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies \(CAS\)](#)

Further information

ATAS website: www.gov.uk/academic-technology-approval-scheme

UK Council for International Student Affairs: www.ukcisa.org.uk

Tier 4 Policy Guidance: www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-application-for-uk-visa-as-tier-4-student

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