

# Temporary worker visa

## Required documents:

1. A valid passport ;
2. Evidence that you are able to support yourself financially ( $\geq$  £1270)
3. Your certificate of sponsorship issued by a sponsor approved by the GAE.

## When to apply?

- No sooner than 3 months before the start of your contract
- You can enter the UK up to 14 days before your contract starts

## How much does it cost?

- 259£ for the visa (if you live in France) ;
- 624£ for the immigration health surcharge (applicants with a European Health Insurance Card are entitled to a full [refund](#) of the surcharge if their visit lasts more than 6 months)

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## Doing an internship in the UK

If you want to go to the UK for an internship, whether paid or not and for whatever duration, then you need to apply for the [Government Authorised Exchange visa \(Temporary Work\)](#)

### How to get your GAE:

#### How to apply?

- Online on the [application official website](#)
- by using the [UKVI's identity verification application](#)

#### How to get the CoS (Certificate of Sponsorship)?

- Either through your employer if the latter is a registered licenced sponsor (check [here](#))
- Or through one of these 3 providers (amongst others):  
<https://www.accesstier5.com/>  
<https://internvisa.com/interns>  
<https://bunac.org/internships-abroad/intern-in-britain>

*\*Except for self-employed businesses or for internships in the following sectors: hospitality, health, agriculture, or law. For these sectors, you will need to apply for a skilled worker [visa](#). Please consult the [full list of authorised exchanges](#).*