

UK WORKING HOLIDAY GUIDE

Youth Mobility Scheme (YMS) 2024 - 2025





UNIVERSAL

REQUIREMENTS

The visa basics for applicants

FINANCIAL FUNDS

£2,530

POUNDS STERLING

STRICT MINIMUM

This amount must have been held entirely in your bank account for at least 28 consecutive days.

Proven with an official bank statement. No translation required if the bank issues it directly in English.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

-  **18 to 35 years old (inclusive):** Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and South Korea.
-  **18 to 30 years old (inclusive):** Uruguay, Japan, Taiwan, Iceland, San Marino, Monaco, and Andorra.
-  **Deadline:** You must apply and pay for the visa before reaching the age limit (31 or 36 years old).

DURATION AND EXTENSION

2-YEAR PERMIT

The visa allows living and working in the United Kingdom for a maximum of 24 months. It is multiple-entry.

3-YEAR EXTENSION

Exclusive to citizens of **Australia, Canada, and New Zealand**. They can extend for an extra 12 months from within the UK.

COSTS, HEALTH, AND STUDY



HEALTH SURCHARGE (IHS)

Mandatory payment of £1,552 for the 2 years. Grants full access to the public health system (NHS).



VISA FEE

The online application fee is £340 (or £319 depending on the country), payable by credit/debit card.



STUDY

Free to study. Certain technical postgraduate courses require a prior ATAS certificate.

QUOTAS BY NATIONALITY

Country	Max. Age	Annual Quotas	System
Australia	35 years old	38,500	Direct Access
Canada	35 years old	10,000	Direct Access
Uruguay	30 years old	500	Direct Access
Taiwan / HK	30 years old	1,000 each	Ballot (Jan/Jul)

APPLICATION PROCESS

Critical Steps for Success

SELECTION SYSTEMS

BALLOT (LOTTERY)

For Taiwan and Hong Kong: Submit email within a 48h window. If selected, you have 30 days to apply online.

DIRECT ACCESS

For Uruguay and others: Application open year-round. No draw required, just meet the requirements and have available quotas.

CRITICAL DOCUMENTS



CRIMINAL RECORD

For Uruguayans: Updated police certificate (less than 6 months old) and translated into English.



TB TEST

Mandatory if you have recently resided in high-risk countries (e.g., Taiwan, HK, South Korea).



TRANSLATIONS

Any document not in English or Welsh must have a certified public translation.

IDENTITY VALIDATION

UK IMMIGRATION APP

Most applicants can validate their identity using the "UK Immigration: ID Check" mobile app.

This allows bypassing the in-person appointment at the VFS center and receiving a digital visa directly in your account.

If your passport is not biometric, you must schedule an appointment at an official VFS Global center.



The image shows the UK Immigration: ID Check app interface. On the left, there are icons for a red passport with a globe and a white ID card with a photo and chip. The main text reads "UK Immigration: ID Check". Below this, it says "Use this app to prove your identity when you make an application, access your eVisa or update your details with the passport." On the right, a smartphone screen displays the app's main interface. The screen shows the time 10:34, signal strength, and battery icons at the top. The main heading is "Scan your Biometric Passport". Below this is a camera icon inside a white frame. The text below the camera icon says "Scan the -wes morble passport to your biometristy camera." At the bottom of the screen is a white button with the text "Start ID Check".

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Start ID Check

FINAL CHECKLIST

- ✓ Valid biometric passport (with a blank page).
- ✓ Proof of funds (£2,530 held for 28 days).
- ✓ Proof of payment for Visa Fee and IHS.
- ✓ Criminal Record Certificate (Uruguay).
- ✓ Certified translations of non-bilingual documents.

AVAILABLE VACANCIES



Note: Quotas for Uruguay are first-come, first-served until filled.

MUST-SEE DESTINATIONS



LONDON



EDINBURGH



MANCHESTER

QUESTIONS?

Best of luck on your great British adventure!

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IMAGE SOURCES



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