



Chile

Visa Arrangements

Please be aware that Study Abroad Office staff are not qualified to offer consultations or in-depth advice regarding visa applications. Immigration laws are complex and subject to frequent changes. Therefore if you do have any further questions about the process of applying for your visa you will need to contact the appropriate Embassy directly. The information below is intended as guidance only and unless otherwise stated applies only to UK citizens without exceptional circumstances.

Application Procedures

Information about the process can be found at the Chilean Consulate website:

<http://chile.gob.cl/londres/en/2015/02/17/student-visa-does-not-allow-holder-to-work/>

Follow this link to create an account and click on “Visa” to complete the Visa Application process:

<https://tramites.minrel.gov.cl/>.

At the end of the online application form you will be required to upload a list of documents as part of your student visa application, see more information below.

If you have difficulties with the website or queries regarding the application process, please contact the Consulate at 020 7222 2361 extension 206, in order to send the documents by email (mbenavente@minrel.gob.cl).

Application Paperwork

The website of the Chilean Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores lists the following documents that must be scanned and uploaded as part of a student visa application:

- Letter of Acceptance issued by a university or educational institution recognized by the Chilean educational authority.
 - *This is your acceptance letter from the Chilean institution. The Study Abroad Office will contact you as soon as it arrives with us.*
- Evidence of financial support during your studies.
 - *This can be in the form of bank statements in your own name showing savings that will support you during your year abroad. If your family will support you, the person named on the bank statements will have to write a Letter of Responsibility confirming how much money will be made available to you and must be authenticated by a Notary Public or Solicitor, signed and sealed. We recommend contacting the embassy to confirm whether the signing of this letter needs to be witnessed. This form can be found at:*
<http://chileabroad.gov.cl/londres/files/DEEDS-OF-COVENANT-TO-ADULT-STUDENTS.docx>
 - *You should provide statements from the previous 3 months since the date of application.*

- *We strongly recommend using your Student Finance for the upcoming year as financial evidence, but if not then the amount needed as evidence of your finances should be checked with the Chile Embassy beforehand.*
- Passport
- 1 passport-sized photo, scanned.
- A Police Certificate, showing that you do not have any criminal records nation-wide.
 - *Standard service costs £45 (10 days), Express service costs £80 (2 days). You can read more and apply online: https://www.acro.police.uk/police_certificates.aspx.*
 - *For any queries on this document please contact: customer.services@acro.pnn.police.uk.*
- Medical Certificate.
 - *This form should be obtained in advance from the Chilean Consulate Website and can be found at: <http://chileabroad.gov.cl/londres/files/HEALTH-REPORT.doc>, and then completed by your GP. The length of time your GP will take to process it will vary, so please submit this to them as soon as you can.*

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Visa Fees

The most current information found shows the cost of a student visa for Chile is £383 for British citizens. Don't forget that if you are eligible for the travel grant from Student Finance, you may be able to claim this cost back.

Appointment

It takes approximately 20 working days for a reply once the application is submitted. Only after that period can you contact the Consulate to enquire whether it was successful and to ask for an appointment.

If approved, you will have to attend an appointment and present the original documents on the day you pick up your Visa at the Consulate.

On Arrival in Chile

Our records show that you must register your student visa with the police within 30 days of your arrival in Chile. You will need to take your passport, landing card, and three passport photos when you register with the police.

Once you have registered with the police, you must obtain an ID card from the Registro Civil. To obtain this you will need your passport with the police registration stamp in it, and photocopies of the relevant pages of your passport (ID page, visa, stamps, police registration).

The exchange coordinator at your host university should give you guidance on both of these processes when you attend orientation: if they don't mention it, don't be afraid to ask.