

# Starting Well in the UK: Your Study like a Pro Checklist

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## Overview

Starting school in a country you are not familiar with is scary, trust me..... I know.

But, there are vital things you can do to make the transition process as smooth as possible.

Now, this checklist is made with the assumption that you either have a place to live or almost have a place..... yes, there's a difference

Let's get started...

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### ☐ Get your BRP ([Biometric Residence Permit](#))

Physical BRPs will be phased out from 2025 but if you are still in the era of physical ones while you read this; do pick yours up. This is your first UK-Issued ID and it is connected to everything you will be doing.

#### **If your BRP expires on 31 December 2024**

You do not need to tell UKVI if your BRP expires on 31 December 2024 but your immigration status (for example, your visa) allows you to stay longer.

You will not need a BRP from 1 January 2025. You'll be able to prove your immigration status online, without a BRP.

UKVI will update their information on how to prove your immigration status in early 2024. You do not need to do anything and your immigration status will not be affected.

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### ☐ Register with a GP Surgery near your address/post code

You are in a new country, remember? You want access to healthcare and other services that will ensure you study in great health. Health is wealth, don't joke with it.

<https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-gp>

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## ☐ Other Essential Services

Open a bank account, fast. If you are unable to quickly open an account with a high street bank (aka mortar and brick aka physical banks) then get one with the online banks. Check out Monzo, Starling, Revolut or Monese. You already have your BRP right? Cause you will need it

Transportation is your friend. Get the appropriate card for bus/rail transport. You want to be able to navigate your way around and get to known places right?

## ☐ Know your school facilities and Available services

Library service, School grading system, Academic writing support, mentoring opportunity, mental health support, funding opportunities etc. These are just a few that you should quickly get to know about so you can fully maximize your stay.

## ☐ Know the Job/Internship Sites

Your school may have jobs advertised but also get to know off-campus jobs. Use job sites like [CharityJob](#), [CV Library](#), [Indeed](#), [Reed](#), [Monster JobsUK](#) and internships sites like [StudentCircus](#), [BrightNetwork](#) and [1000INTERNS](#) to guide your search.

## ☐ Have Fun

Last but certainly not the least, have fun! You are in a new and beautiful country. Explore it. Don't feel embarrassed to ask questions if you don't know something; asking questions is after all one of the ways to connect with new people. Start with social activities in your school, also check out external events on [Eventbrite](#).

Welcome to the UK, You will be okay 😊

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