

Youth Mobility Scheme (YMS) Advice & Guidance for Businesses



What is the Youth Mobility Scheme?



- The Youth Mobility Scheme (YMS) is a temporary route which exists to provide young people with an opportunity to experience life in the UK
- It provides a cultural exchange and enables them to work and travel for up to 2 years
- It is a reciprocal scheme with its terms negotiated between countries so it enables young British citizens to benefit from similar opportunities abroad
- The UK currently operates 8 reciprocal YMS arrangements and remains open to further YMS agreements with other countries

What Countries Are Included?

Currently there are 8 YMS arrangements between the UK and the following countries:

- Australia 30,000 places
- Canada 5000 places
- Japan 1000 places
- Monaco 1000 places
- New Zealand 13,000 places
- Hong Kong 1000 places
- Republic of Korea 1000 places
- Taiwan 1000 places

Who Can Apply?

- You must be aged between 18 and 30
- You must be a citizen of one of the 8 countries listed on previous slide
- Alternatively you can apply if you are any of the following (and you are between 18 & 30):
 - British overseas citizen
 - British overseas territories citizen
 - British national (overseas)
- You cannot apply if you have children who live with you or children that you are financially responsible for
- You must have at least £2530 in savings

What can and cannot applicants do whilst in the UK under the YMS?

They can work or study (work in most jobs including being self employed)

They are not permitted to be employed as a professional sports person, or a trainee doctor or dentist

Not permitted to bring family members in as dependants

Must not have held entry clearance in this category before

Must be receiving at least the National Minimum Wage

Cannot extend their stay

Cannot get public funds

Further information



- It costs £244 to apply
- Applicants also have to pay the Healthcare Surcharge which is now £470 per year so £940 for a 2 year (Tier 5) visa
- Earliest date to apply is 6 months before travel
- Citizens from Hong Kong or the Republic of Korea must also get a Certificate of Sponsorship
- Those who turn 31 after arrival can remain until the visa expires
- The YMS visa is valid for 2 years and allows unlimited travel to and from the UK throughout that 2 year period

What's Next?



Next module

- Module 5 will be about the Settlement Scheme for EU workers who were resident in the UK before 31st December 2020

Further Details

If you require more information, use this link:

[Youth Mobility Scheme visa \(T5\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/youth-mobility-scheme-visa-t5)

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