



## **Visa Information**

Having applied to the Maria Montessori Institute and on being accepted onto the course you will then need to apply to the UK Border Agency ([www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk)) quoting our course title (AMI Montessori International Diploma Full-Time Course) and Sponsor Licence Number (QFE97RAR6).

There are some important procedures that you must follow in order to obtain your visa. Please ensure you follow the requirements laid down by the UK Border Agency. We hope you will find the additional information set out below useful.

### **English Language Competency**

In order for you to apply for a Tier 4 student visa, you must be able to demonstrate that you are competent in the English language. To do this you need to take an English language test with an approved test provider for Tier 4, and achieve at least CEFR level B1 in all four components (reading, writing, speaking and listening). You are exempt from this test if you are a national of a majority English speaking country as listed below:

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Australia
- The Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Canada
- Dominica
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Jamaica
- New Zealand
- St Kitts and Nevis
- St Lucia
- St Vincent and the Grenadines
- Trinidad and Tobago
- United States of America

Please see below one of the approved test providers recommended by the UK Border Agency.

TOEFL English Test Website: [www.ets.org/toefl](http://www.ets.org/toefl)



### **Finance**

Before we can issue you with a CAS number, you are required to have paid at least the first instalment of your tuition fees. You will also be required to demonstrate that you have enough money to support yourself whilst studying in the UK.

You will need to provide **original** bank statements, showing that sufficient funds (as outlined by UKBA) have been deposited in your bank account for 28 consecutive days before the date of application.

### **Original Documentation**

Although the UK Border Agency does not ask for original documentation, it is our experience that certain embassies have refused visas because the applicant has not submitted original documents. Therefore we would advise that all the supporting evidence supplied with your application be original (Education Documents or Certificates, Bank Statements etc.)

N.B When applying to the Maria Montessori Institute to enrol on the AMI Diploma course, do not send your original documents to us as these will be needed for your visa application.

**The Maria Montessori Institute can take no responsibility for the information that you put on the application form as a result of this advice. It is imperative that you refer to the UK Border Agency website for up to date information.**

**<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/studyingintheuk/adult-students/>**