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Project Storyboard

BCU - International Explainer Animation

Video 4

How do I apply for a Visa?

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TIER 4 – Student Visa

Script

Most students who study in the UK will need a Tier 4 student visa.

Scene Description

A visa tier list appears , the 'Tier 4 - Student Visa' position is highlighted.
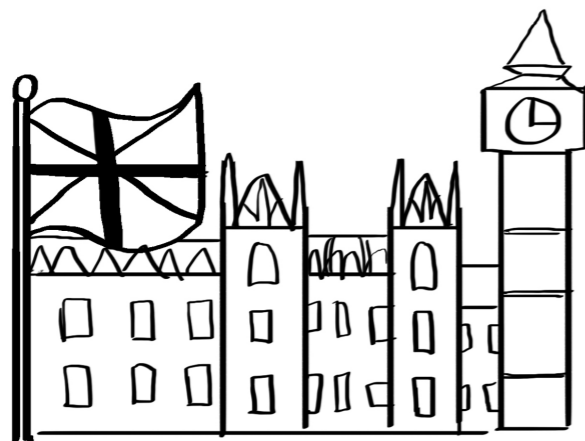
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WWW.GOV.UK/TIER-4-GENERAL-VISA

Script

You can apply online, directly to the UKVI.

Scene Description

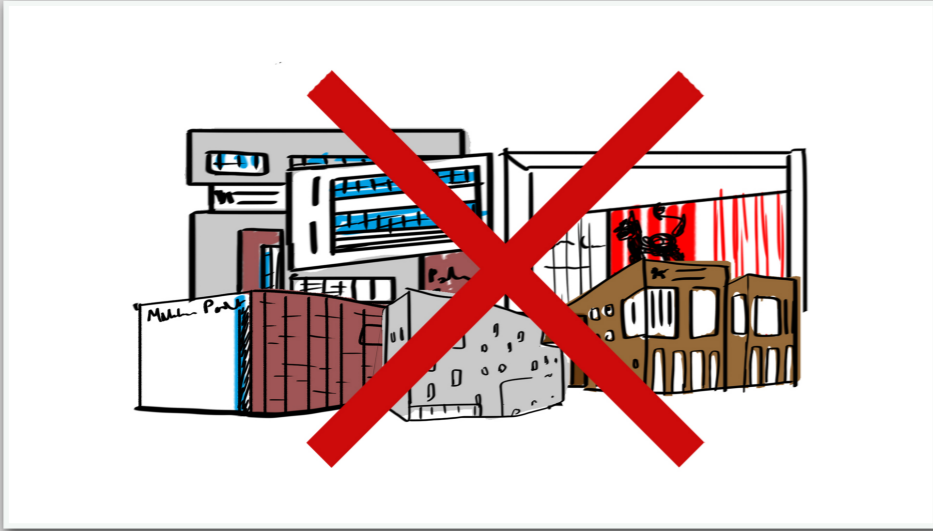Typewriter text reveals the URL 'www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa'.

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Script

This process is managed by the UK government

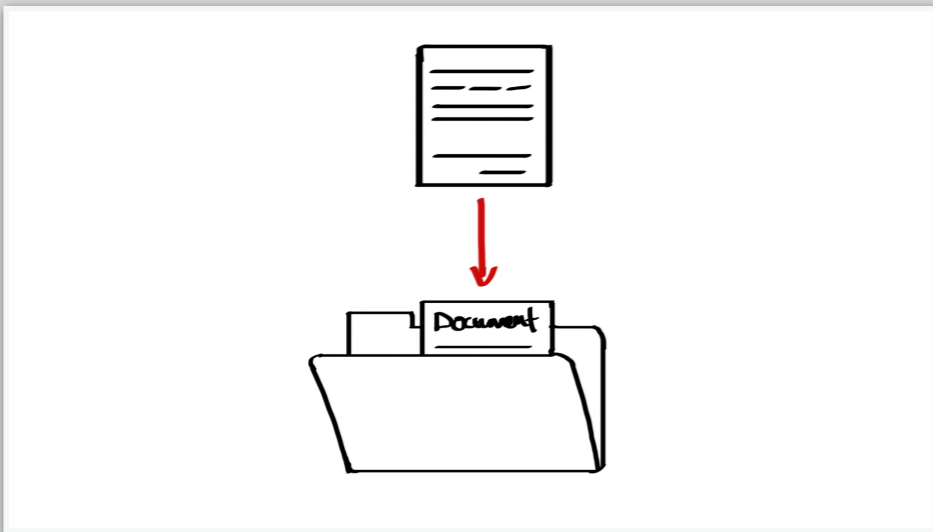**Scene Description**

UK flag and parliament appears in shot.

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Script

- not the university.

Scene Description

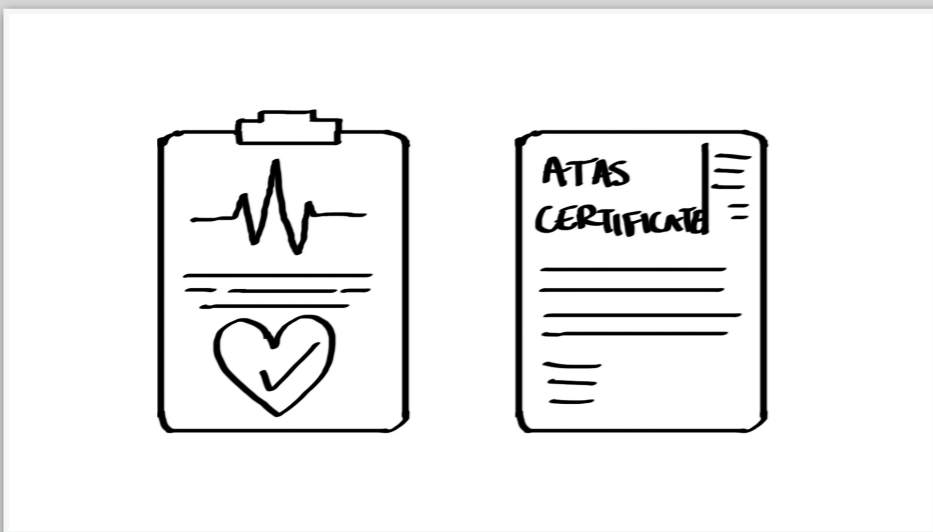BCU buildings, covered by a big, red cross appear.

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Script

When you apply for your visa, you'll need all the documents you used for your application and your CAS.

Scene Description

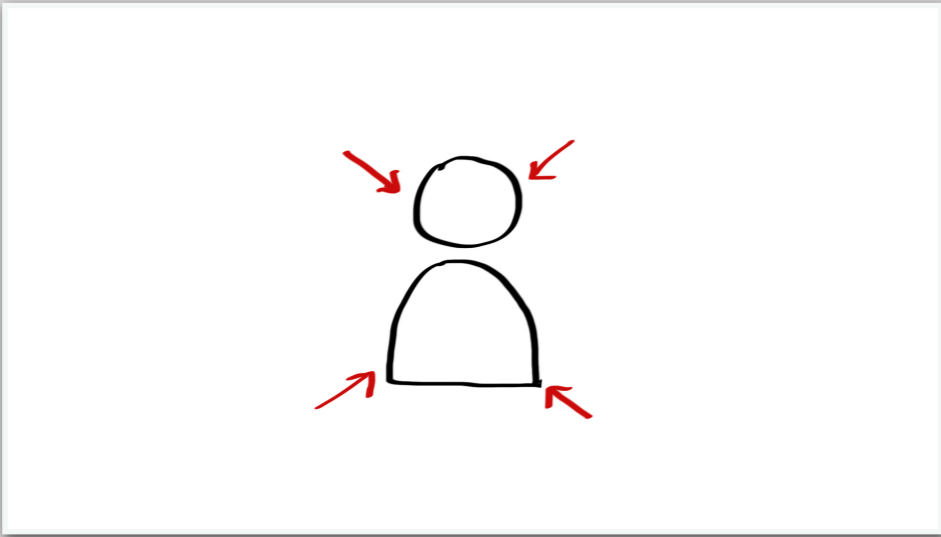Icons representing the necessary documents are slotted into a folder.

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Script

In addition, you will also need to send your tuberculosis test results and in some cases your ATAS certificate.

Scene Description

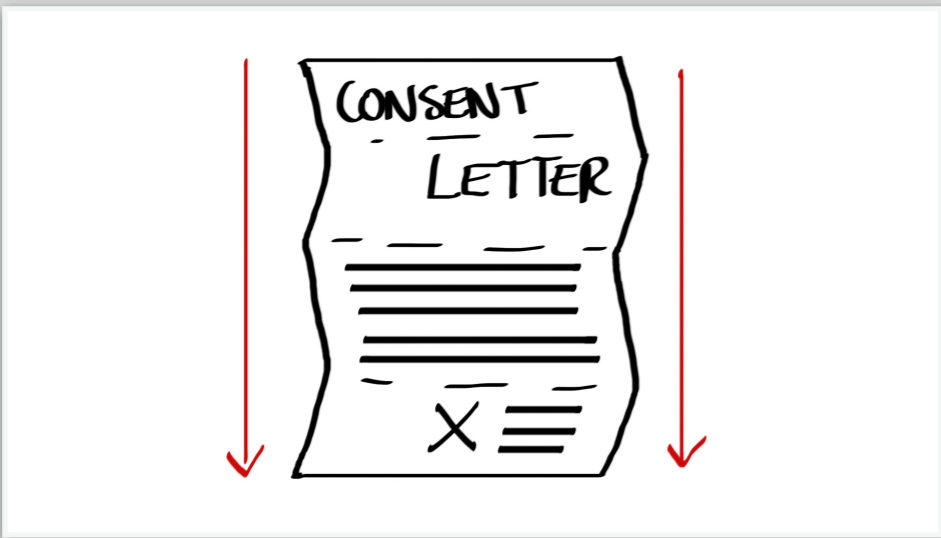A medical report and ATAS certificate are shown.

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Script

Finally, if you are under 18 you will need a consent letter from your parent and a designated UK guardian.

Scene Description
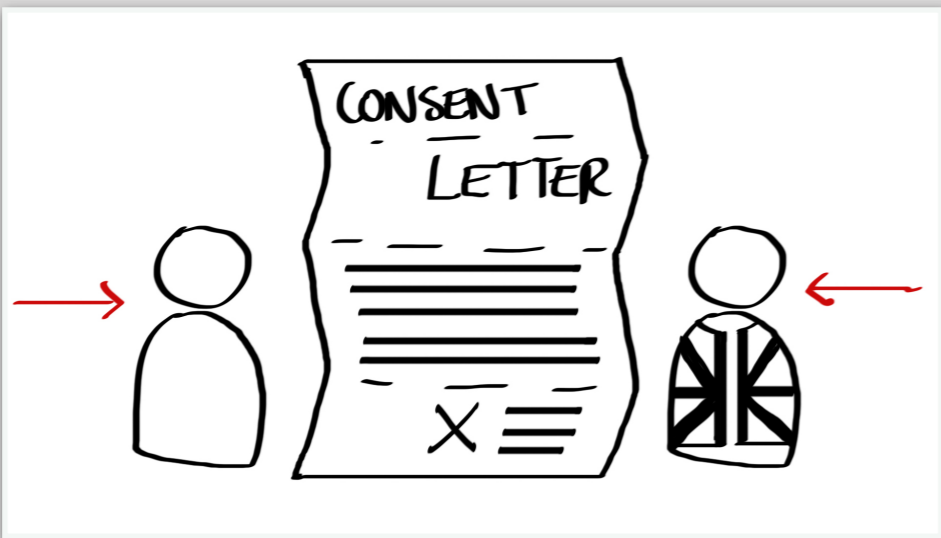
A person appears, which then "shrinks".

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Script

See panel #7

Scene Description
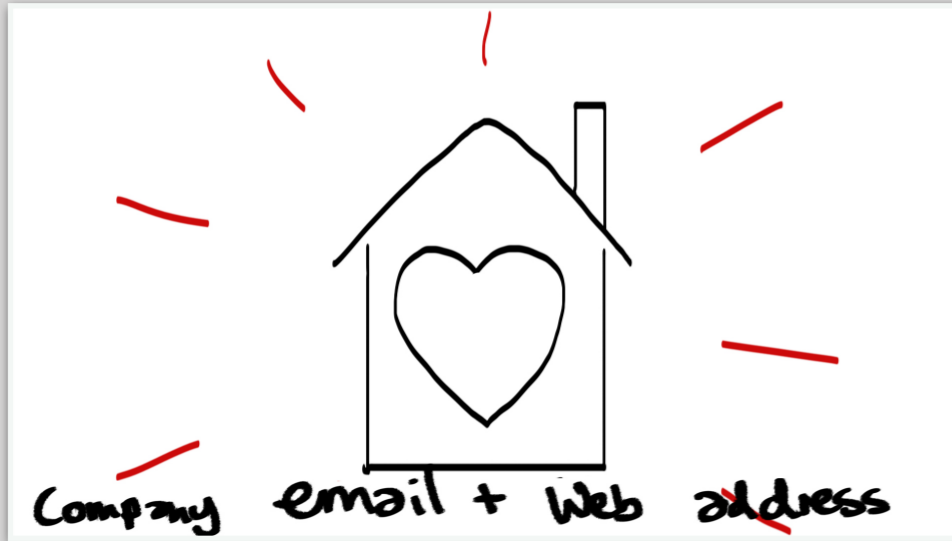
Next, a consent letter unfolds, covering the person.

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Scene Description

The guardians appear on each side of the letter.

Left = Parent

Right = UK guardian
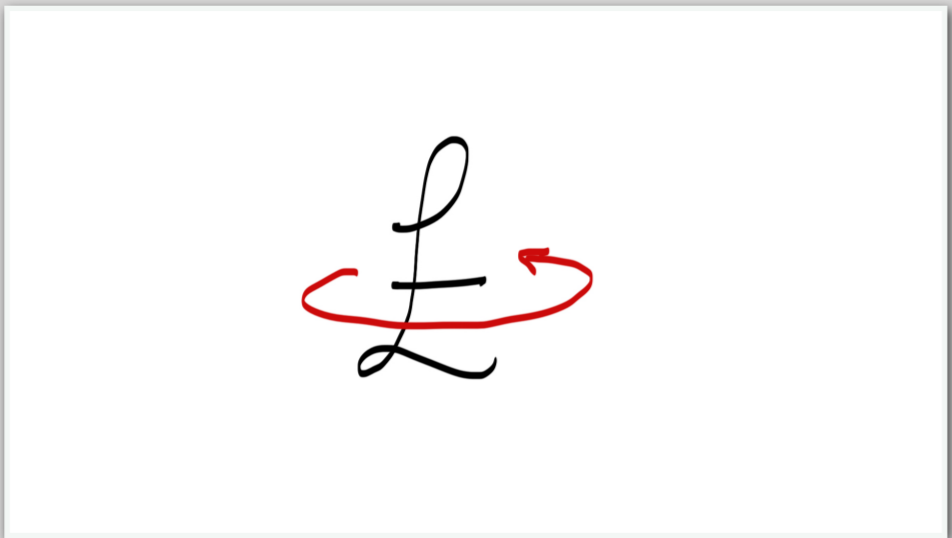
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Company email + web address

Script

If you do not have a guardian in the UK, we work with a company who can provide this service.

Scene Description

The guardian icon appears in shot.

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When you apply, you'll need to pay straightaway for your visa.

Scene Description

A spinning '£' symbol appears in shot.
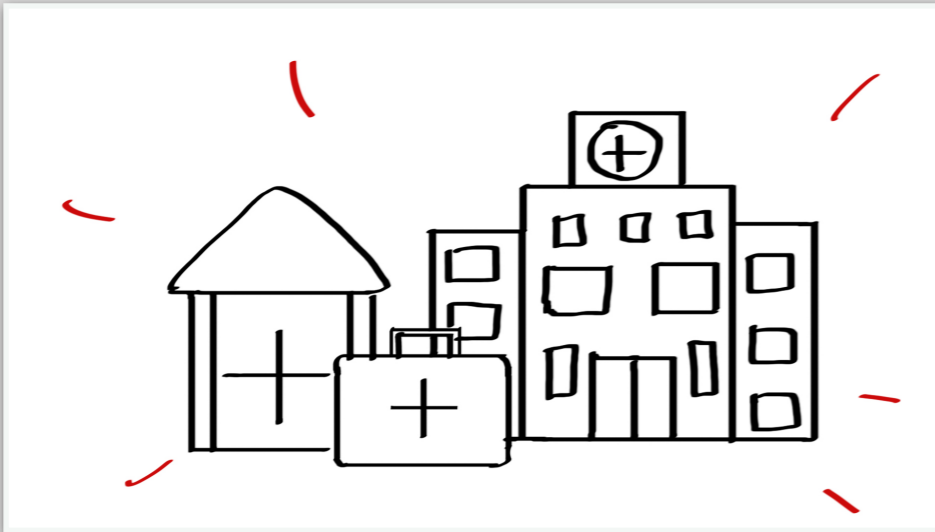
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IMMIGRATION HEALTHCARE SURCHARGE (IHS)

Script

There is an Immigration Healthcare surcharge.

Scene Description

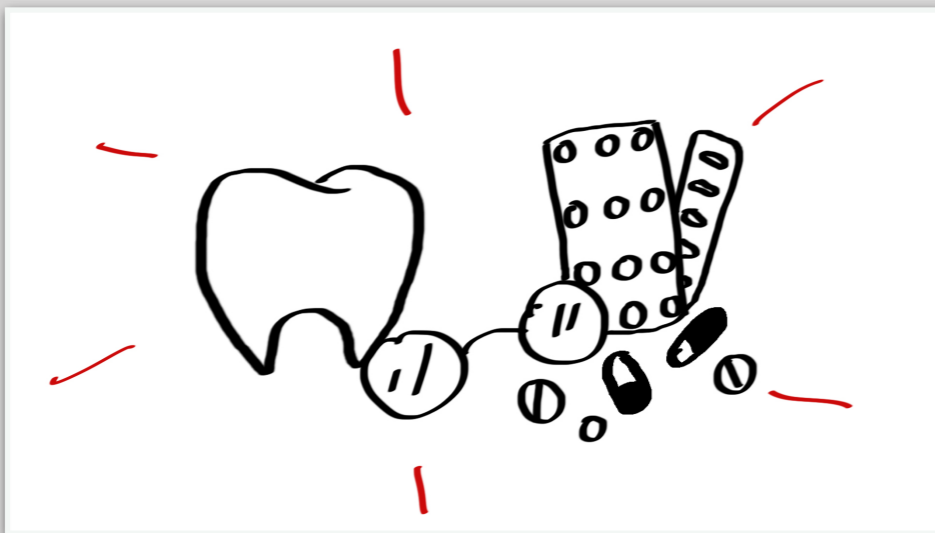Typewriter animation reveals text 'Immigration healthcare surcharge (IHS)'

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Script

The IHS means that you will not have to pay to visit a doctor's surgery, healthcare centre or hospital whilst in the UK.

Scene Description

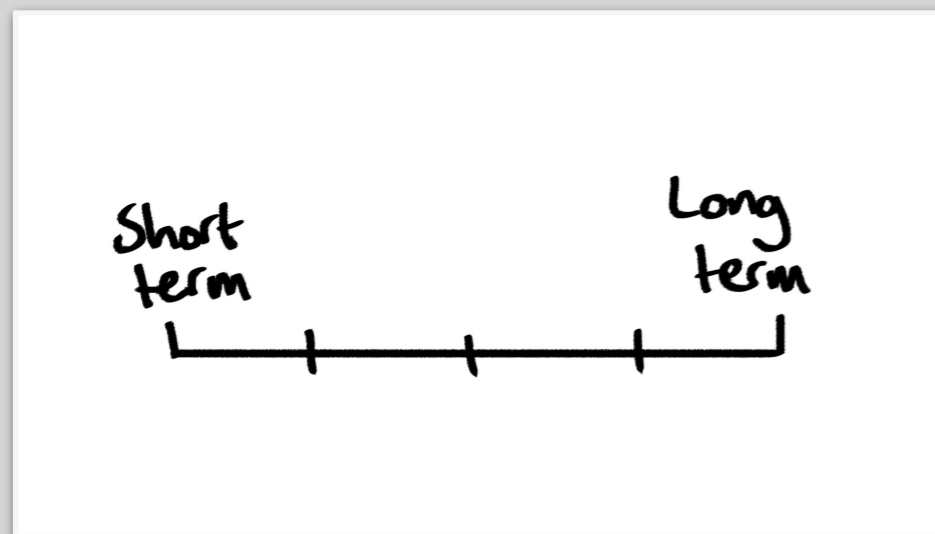A first aid kit, GP and hospital icons appear in shot.

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Script

However, you may need to pay for dental treatment, optical treatment and any medicine prescribed to you by a doctor.

Scene Description

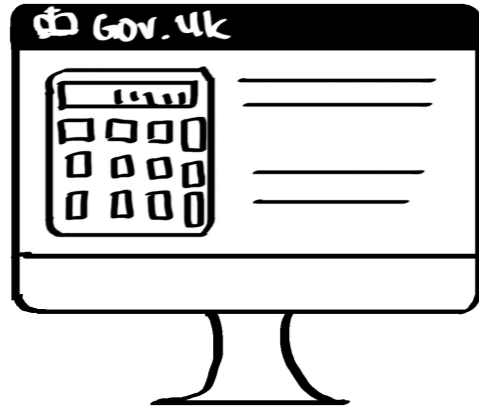A tooth, glasses and prescription medicine appear in shot.

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Script

The exact amount you have to pay depends on how much leave you're granted.

Scene Description

A timeline appears displaying "short term" on the left and "long term" on the right.

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Script

You can calculate how much you'll have to pay before you apply on the .gov website.

Scene Description

A monitor appears in shot. A simplified version of the gov.uk website appears with a calculator on screen.
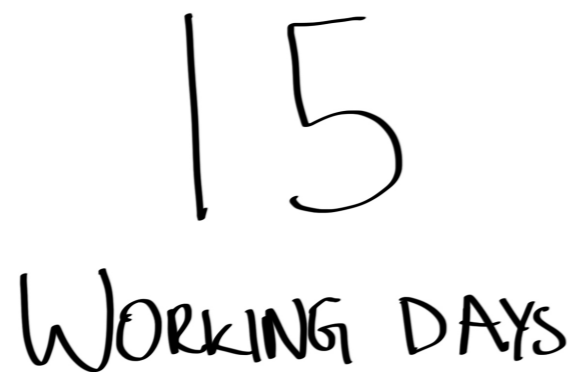
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Script

The UKVI's standard turnaround time on visas is 15 working days, but it can take longer in some countries.

Scene Description
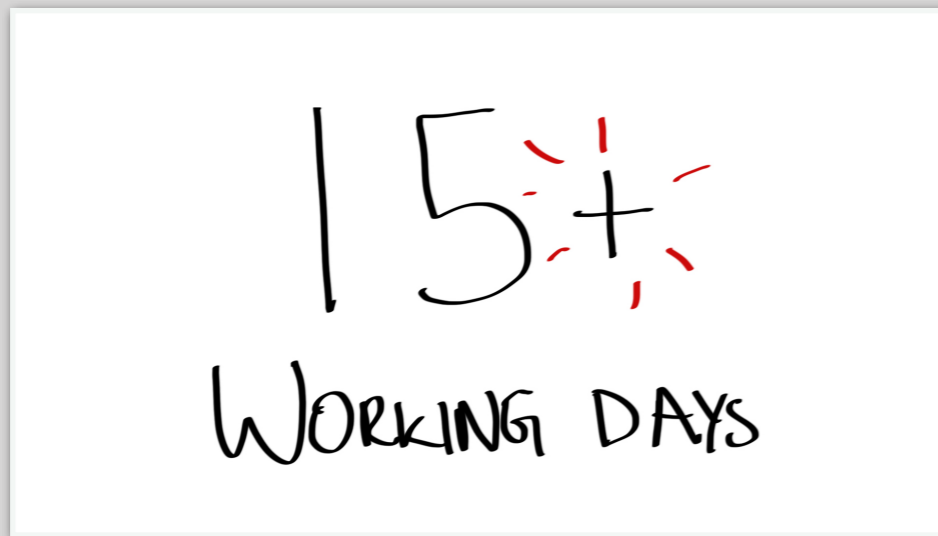
Kinetic typography displays the letters 'UKVI'

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Script

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Scene Description

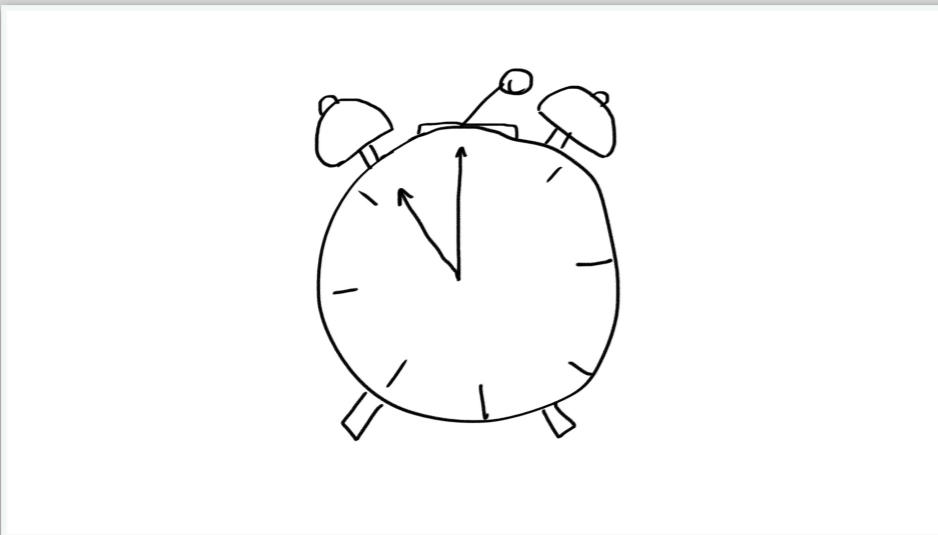Kinetic typography displays the words '15 working days'

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Script

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Scene Description

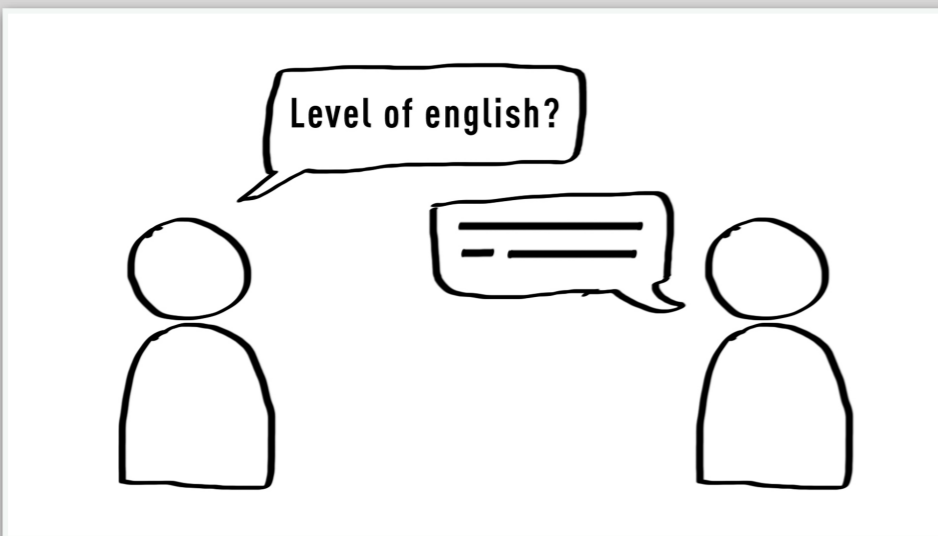A '+' symbol appears next to the number 15 to emphasise that the process could take longer than 15 days.

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Script

So make sure you apply in time!

Scene Description
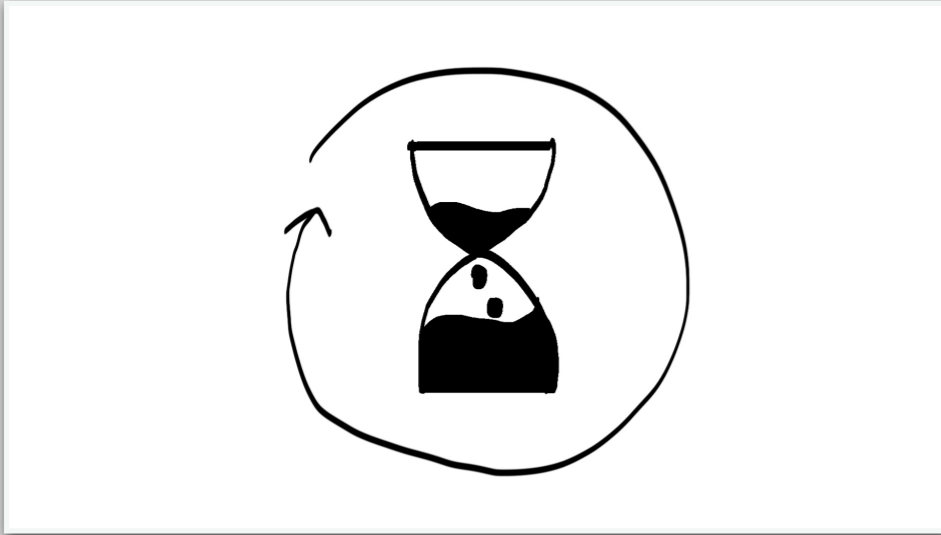
An alarm clock appears.

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Script

It is normal for the UKVI to interview you. This is to check a number of things, including your level of English, your motivation to study your subject, the reasons why you chose to study at Birmingham City University, and why you want to study in the UK.

Scene Description

An interviewer and applicant are having a conversation. The questions listed in the VO appear in the interviewers speech bubble.
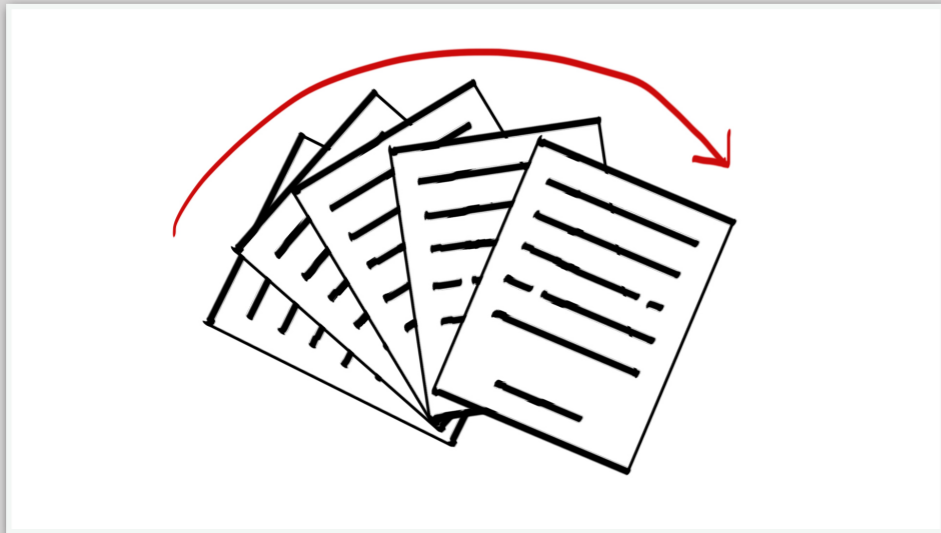
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It can take some time to assess your case.

Scene Description
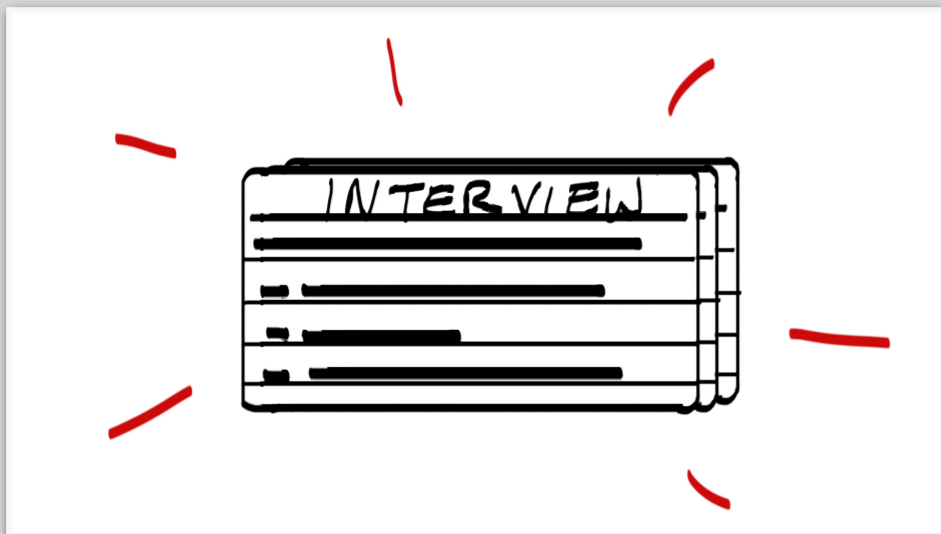
An hourglass appears in shot.

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Script

So, make sure all your documents are complete and you're prepared for your interview to make the process easier.

Scene Description

Multiple documents fan out on screen, ...

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Script

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Scene Description

.. followed by cue cards.

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The UK government will provide you with a decision - this does not come from the university

Scene Description

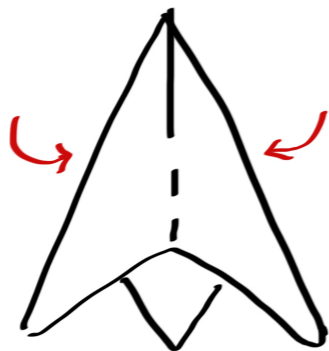The crown symbol used by government agencies appears.

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If your application was successful, you can go ahead and book your flights.

Scene Description

A VISA letter gets stamped 'APPROVED'.

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Scene Description

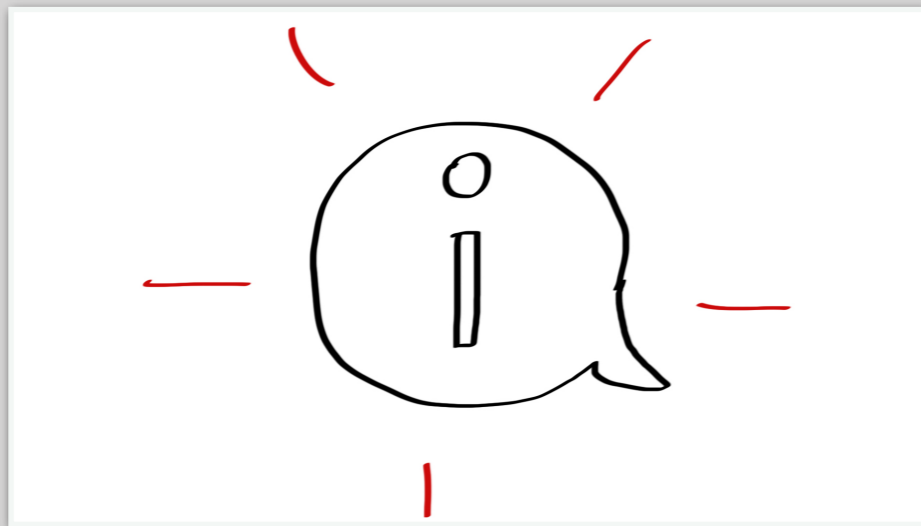The approved visa letter turns into a paper airplane.

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Script

If your visa application gets refused, tell us straight away so we can give you advice.

Scene Description

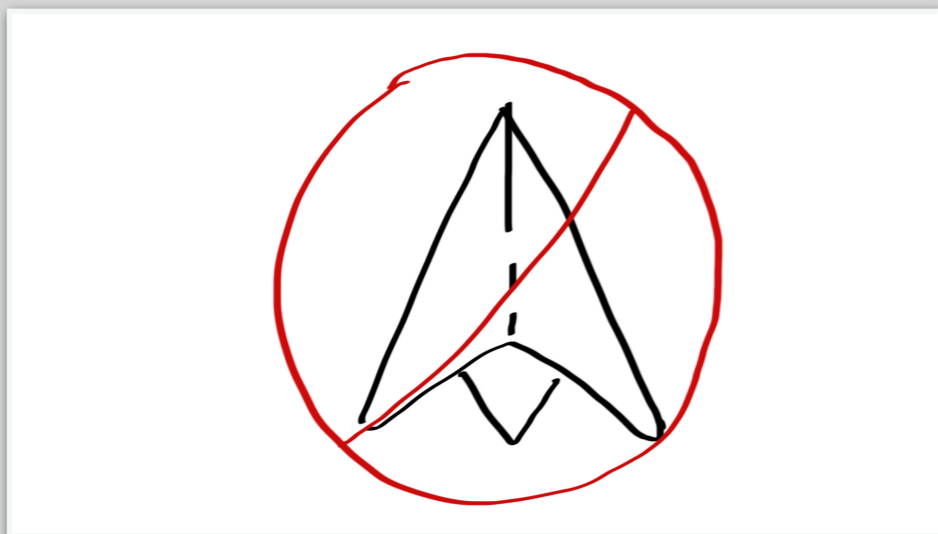A VISA letter gets stamped 'REFUSED'.

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Scene Description

A speech bubble with the information icon appears.

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Script

Please do not book your flight until you have received a decision from the UKVI!

Scene Description

A prohibited red sign overlaps the paper airplane.

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Script

We're looking forward to welcoming you on campus soon!

Scene Description

A range of Birmingham travel options appear in shot.

- Birmingham Airport
- New street station
- Tram
- Bus