ABOUT STUDY UK

We've included a selection of useful resources and the latest information about studying in the UK. We will update this toolkit regularly so please check that you have the latest version on the British Council Brand Hub.

You can access all of the resources linked to the toolkit here.

If you have any questions about the toolkit, please contact: GREATbrand@britishcouncil.org

This toolkit has been created to support agents who are working with internationally mobile students and their families.
About the Study UK campaign

Study UK is delivered by the British Council, in partnership with the UK government’s GREAT Britain campaign, which encourages people to visit, invest, and study in the UK. It is the UK’s national campaign to promote the UK to internationally mobile students, as a first-choice study destination all over the world.

Study UK showcases why the UK is a unique and perfect choice for any international student. Our welcoming and inclusive way of life, our exceptional academic standards and our rich, historical culture inspired over 485,000 students to choose to study at UK higher education institutions in 2018–19. We’re now the world’s top study destination in terms of recruiting the largest number of new international students (HESA, 2020).

Our campaign activity includes: exhibitions, roadshows, subject showcases, pre-departure briefings, career fairs, school visits, agent tours and counsellor training; and massive open online learning courses that provide opportunities to students around the world.
CHOOSE THE UK FOR A WORLD-CLASS UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

A UK education is a bridge to the world, and to a bright and successful future.

Academics and employers across the globe admire and respect the formidable reputation of the UK's education system, and our graduates are among the most employable in the entire world. In fact, the majority of international students who have studied in the UK report a significant competitive edge over peers educated in other countries, with over 69 per cent saying they are progressing further, being promoted quicker, and earning more because of the prestigious education they have received (International Graduate Outcomes, Universities UK International, 2019).

That's because our universities and colleges consistently top a wide range of world rankings, and our institutions are respected across the globe. Two of the world's top three universities can be found here – and a further 26 of our universities and colleges are among the world's 200 best institutions for learning (Times Higher Education, World University Rankings 2020).

What's more, the UK's higher education system is subject to strict and exacting government standards, so you can be sure you'll get the very best in teaching, support and educational resources.

The UK is one of the most popular study destinations in the world (OECD, 2020) and a place that many international students choose as a place to develop their imaginations, experiences and opportunities. Over 485,000 students from other countries are currently studying in the UK (HESA, 2020), so international students will find friends and connections from all over the world as they study, and learn about hundreds of other cultures. All in the home of the English language.

Because a UK education opens doors, students will gain the knowledge, skills and insights which are in extremely high demand, all across the globe. By studying in the UK, students become more employable, more confident, and the best possible version of themselves.
RESOURCES

Resources to share about studying in the UK

We have created a set of resources for you to share with prospective students to show what it’s like to study at a UK university. You’re welcome to download and use these resources at events and across digital channels, as long as they are not adapted or modified.

Study UK brand film

The UK is the perfect place for students to become the most confident, most promising version of themselves. This one-minute film talks directly to students, showing how the UK can fulfil a wide range of aspirations, from outstanding academic standards and supportive learning environments, to rich traditions and cultural experiences. The UK will inspire students to think independently, be creative and truly grow as an individual.

You can download the brand film here.

Exploring the UK

The UK offers a wide range of study options to suit different budgets. The cost of living varies, according to where in the UK a student decides to study. London and other big cities are more expensive than other areas, for example.

But depending on where students choose to study, a budget of between £800 and £1,300 a month should cover rent, bills, entertainment and other living costs.

You can download and print our map of the UK to explore the geography and study options across the four countries.

You can find the map in A2 and A3 sizes here.

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#StudyUK
Spotlight on UK regions

There are so many things to discover while studying in the UK. From the breathtaking scenery of our national parks to the dazzling nightlife of our cities, students will get to experience the very best in music, art, theatre, film and literature.

To help students explore life in different parts of the UK, we're developing a series of city blogs. Throughout the year we will be adding new content to the list below as we shine the spotlight on student life in different cities.

• Belfast
• Manchester
• York

Visit our blog for the latest city features over the coming months.

Find a university search tool

Courses in the UK are tailor made to support students to get the most from their studies as quickly as possible. There are thousands of courses to choose from – no matter what they’re passionate about, the UK is a fantastic place to pursue any career interest.

In the UK, flexibility is built into the majority of our courses. Many universities allow students to choose from different subject ‘modules’, so they can build a course programme that suits them, specialising as the course develops for a perfectly tailored experience.

We have a university finder tool on the Study UK website to search for institutions that deliver specific courses. You can access the tool here.

Print materials

If you would like to share Study UK branded materials with students or use items at your events, you're welcome to download the print-ready artwork and create the following items:

• UK table flag
• Bookmark
• Tote bag
• Pen
• A6 notebook
• Keyring

Please use the artwork in its original format and do not modify or adapt the artwork in any way.

Download the files here.
Here in the UK, the warmest of welcomes is waiting for international students.

Our open and inclusive way of life will inspire them, our rich cultural history will fire their imagination and – as our universities are the among the most trusted and respected in the entire world – students will be able to develop their best and brightest ideas by studying here.

We understand that for students looking to begin their studies in the UK in 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic has led to some uncertainty and it is difficult to know how long the current disruption will last.

As the situation evolves, we will continue to provide updates on the latest guidance and current UK government guidelines on our Study UK website:

- Support for students during Covid-19
- Study in the UK in 2020–21

Or you can follow @StudyUKBritish on Twitter for updates.

We would also recommend that you and/or prospective students contact the higher education institution for the most up-to-date advice and information. Please see the next pages for further guidance on studying in the UK in 2020–21.
Some British Council offices are running webinars to support agents and provide up-to-date information on studying in the UK. Some are also running pre-departure briefings for students. Find out what support is available for you and your students by visiting the British Council website and selecting your country.

The UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA) also offers advice on the impact of Covid-19 and international students.

Face coverings
The UK government advises that you wear a face covering over your nose and mouth in enclosed spaces.

It is now a legal requirement to wear a face covering on public transport in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. You must also wear a face covering in some indoor spaces in England and Scotland, such as shops.

View the government guidance on face coverings.

Feeling safe in the UK
With one of the best healthcare systems in the world, globally respected policing and low crime rates, studying in the UK is exceptionally safe and secure.

The UK’s NHS (National Health Service) is one of the world’s most advanced healthcare systems, offering safe and modern treatment.

You can find support and advice on Covid-19 from the NHS here.

Individuals, and their households, should follow advice on self-isolation if they do have symptoms of Covid-19.

The NHS is providing specific Covid-19 advice through its online service.

The UK government held daily televised briefings from mid-March until 23 June to provide the public with the latest information about Covid-19. Now we have moved past the peak of the crisis and the UK is starting to reopen, the government briefings will be delivered on an ad hoc basis. There is a vast amount of Covid-19 information online on the government websites.

Find out more information here.

Find the latest UK government information on staying safe outside your home here.

UK universities are ensuring campuses are as safe as possible for students and staff. The UK government has published guidance on reopening campuses in line with the latest public health guidance – including practising physical distancing on campus, reopening laboratories and other buildings, and continuing support for staff and student wellbeing.
How the UK is looking after student wellbeing

Student’s wellbeing is our top priority and pastoral care is offered by all universities to ensure students will feel safe, supported and secure as they learn. You can visit institution websites and contact them directly for information on how they are prioritising students’ physical and mental health.

UK universities are working together to provide support and advice to thousands of students, both currently studying at their universities and at the application stage. Here are some of the ways in which students have been helped during Covid-19 (Department for Education, 2020)

- Solent University is running a food bank and working with a catering supplier to deliver parcels of grocery essentials to students remaining in their halls and to those who have been self-isolating.
- The University of London is providing fact-checked news updates for students. They are also giving guidance on wellbeing, from helping students reframe the situation to boredom busting and fitness guides.
- The University of Surrey has extended its student financial hardship fund. It has also set up the Emergency Student Support Appeal, designed to support students adversely affected by Covid-19. This has raised £240,000 to date.
- Glasgow Caledonian University has implemented a dedicated helpline for students, which operates seven days a week. They have introduced a fund to support students through the Covid-19 crisis, have refunded all student residents’ rent for April and May and are offering free accommodation to students should they need it at this time. All Glasgow Caledonian University student services are now available online, to ensure all students can access them.
- University of Bath has moved all students in university-owned accommodation around the city into campus accommodation. They have tried to ensure that all students have en suite bathrooms in case they need to self-isolate. Physical distancing has been set up in the library for those who wish to work outside their rooms. The university is providing three free meals a day to all students who remain on campus. For those students who require access to counselling and student welfare services, Bath’s student services team are operating a 24/7 helpline.
- Ulster University has individually phoned every international student remaining in Northern Ireland to check on both their wellbeing and academic needs. Support has been put in place as a result, including a local grocery delivery map, free wellbeing, mental health sessions and services and daily peer-to-peer sessions hosted by their Go Global Ambassadors. This initiative allows students to extend their personal networks and interact with one another through activities such as cooking lessons and virtual music sessions.
- Queen’s University Belfast has proactively reached out to all international students both on and off campus to offer guidance and support at this time. Students were able to leave their accommodation contract from 27 March at no financial disadvantage, and for those students who have had to go home without time to pack their belongings, the university has packed and couriered home their belongings at no cost to the student.

Wellbeing and lifestyle:
- UK universities are keen to support students’ mental wellbeing during the pandemic, with many putting initiatives in place which support students to keep active and continue to socialise. Examples include online sports and music weeks at Aberystwyth University, online gaming tournaments at Cardiff Metropolitan University and online support groups such as the ‘ARU Together’ group at Anglia Ruskin University.
- Here are some personal stories from students on the Study UK blog:
  - Jate talks about managing his work during the Covid-19 crisis (Imperial College London)
  - Khoa shares his tips for looking after your mental health (University of Leeds)

There’s still time to apply

We’re open for recruitment to international students in 2020–21 and we will do all that we can to support students making this choice.

For more information and resources on the application process, please see the last section of this guide.
PREPARING TO COME TO THE UK

For students who intend to study in the UK in 2020–21, here is the latest guidance to help them prepare.

Applying for a visa
The UK government (Home Office) has published guidance on immigration for anyone affected by travel restrictions associated with Covid-19.

Due to Covid-19 a lot of UK Visa Application Centres had to close but the majority are now back open worldwide – for the latest information please visit:
- TLS contact for Europe, Africa and parts of the Middle East
- VFS Global for all other countries
- UK service points (UKVCAS)

As application centres begin to reopen, the UK government will aim to process applications as quickly as possible.

For the latest information, on visas from the UK government please look for updates here.

A Home Office immigration helpline and email address is available for all immigration enquiries related to Covid-19.

Telephone: +44 (0) 800 678 1767, Monday to Friday, 09.00 – 17.00.

Email: CIH@homeoffice.gov.uk

Paying the Immigration Health Surcharge
International students (outside the European Economic Area) will need to pay a healthcare surcharge as part of their immigration application. This costs £300 per year for a student, giving access to NHS services without further charge, subject to a few exceptions such as prescription charges in England.

The surcharge levels remain competitive compared with health insurance requirements in comparable countries. The surcharge represents about one per cent of the total cost of studying in the UK for a three-year undergraduate course.

You can find out more information here.
Taking English language tests

The impact of Covid-19 has affected testing centres around the world. Students should check with their university for the latest advice on how they can provide suitable evidence of their English proficiency.

IELTS testing had been suspended in many countries, as a result of the Covid-19 restrictions, but many are now reopening. You can advise students that they should visit the IELTS website for the latest updates on IELTS test arrangements.

Students may be able to take the IELTS Indicator – an online test, taken at home and marked by IELTS examiners. This is available in some countries for a limited time while IELTS testing is suspended.

The IELTS Indicator is not available in China, so Chinese students are taking the TOEFL English exam, since China’s Ministry of Education and US-based ETS have announced the alignment of the TOEFL IBT test to China’s Standards of English framework.

Some universities are accepting the Duolingo English Test as certification of English proficiency, another online test available to international students.

The Pearson English Test assesses listening, reading, speaking and writing all via computer in a single three hour test session.

Anyone who has been affected by the suspension of other language tests should contact their test provider with any enquiries.
PREPARING TO STUDY

Covid-19 has highlighted the role that universities play, bringing together the best minds and facilitating collaborative research to find a way forward – epidemiologists are sharing their expertise and virologists are leading the search for a vaccine.

Across the world, many countries are adapting and responding to the current crisis by finding new ways of delivering services and managing our everyday lives. Education provision is also affected and students can expect some things to be different. But universities by nature are innovative environments and they will adapt and evolve to continue to deliver world-class tuition to their students.

Making the decision to leave home and move to another country to study at a university brings challenges for international students, but it also indicates a strong will to embrace change and discover new ways of learning.

Some of the measures universities have taken to support current students include: helplines for students that run 24/7; free accommodation for those in need; and facilitating free counselling and mental health support services. UK universities are keen to support students’ mental wellbeing during the pandemic, with many putting initiatives in place which support students to keep active and continue to socialise safely.

Blended learning
Most universities (97 per cent, UUKI) are preparing to deliver some in-person teaching this autumn term. Many will blend face-to-face with online technology and tools to enhance student education and ensure teaching is delivered in a safe environment.

There will be online lectures for students on campus and those working remotely. Where safe to do so, face-to-face lectures, practical sessions and tutorials in small groups will take place adhering to physical distancing measures and through creating ‘bubbles’ to bring groups together. Timing of teaching is also being carefully considered to make the maximum use of teaching days, with flexible timetabling to avoid having too many students on campus at the same time.

Although the study experience might be a little different, international students are guaranteed to learn at the same world-leading institutions, with quality teaching and great employment prospects.
Share our online course – Prepare to study and live in the UK

Hosted on the FutureLearn online course platform, this four-week online course will teach students everything they need to know about UK higher education, including teaching methods, course structures and how coursework will be assessed. It will also provide them with tips for studying in the English language and practical information about living in the UK.

By completing the online course, they will be more confident, feel better prepared, and get the most from their experience of studying and living in the UK.

During the course, there will also be plenty of opportunities for them to interact with other, like-minded individuals who are preparing for their UK education. Who knows, they may even start making friends before they arrive in the UK.

The online course is entirely free and takes only four weeks to complete, although students can complete it faster if they wish. Upon successful completion, students will receive a digital certificate.

Students can register here.

This online course is provided twice a year. You can see the next available dates on the registration page and once registered, students will receive a notification when the next course starts.
ON ARRIVAL IN THE UK

Self-isolation requirements
To keep the number of transmissions in the UK as low as possible, all international arrivals (including students) are currently required to supply their contact and accommodation information.

A large number of students will be required to self-isolate in their accommodation for 14 days on arrival into the UK.

People who arrive in England will not have to self-isolate if they are well and have come from one of the countries listed in Coronavirus (COVID-19) travel corridors.

View also the list of exempt countries and further travel advice for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Full details about self-isolation are in the government guidance on how to self-isolate on arrival in the UK.

We want students to feel welcome and at ease when they arrive in the UK and we understand that they may feel anxious about these requirements.

Please advise them to contact their education provider to find out what support they will receive during these first 14 days, including accommodation, food, online facilities for induction, orientation, meeting tutors and other students.

Currently, all UK police forces, including the Overseas Visitors Registration Office (OVRO) in London, have suspended police registration. The advice for everyone is that you will not be penalised for not attending or making an appointment to register an arrival.

Check the police force in your region for updates.

Free NHS treatment
NHS treatment for the Coronavirus (Covid-19) is free of charge for everyone. If students have paid the immigration health surcharge, they will also be entitled to free NHS treatment for other illnesses and conditions.
To make it easier to access these stories, we've listed the content below. This will be refreshed with new stories each time the toolkit is updated.

**Student stories and career success (videos)**

A UK education makes students more employable, more experienced and more prepared for the world of work. Focusing on life after study, we have created a series of films that look at the careers of UK alumni and how they have progressed after gaining UK qualifications. In the films, we bring together students studying in the UK for the first time with UK alumni to share tips and advice on making the most of their UK studies.

- **Manoj** is an MBA student at Glasgow Caledonian University and **Ritnika** is a University of Westminster music management graduate.

- **Krisha** is studying for an MSc in cancer sciences at the University of Glasgow and **Satya** has gained two master's and one PhD in the UK.

- **Hilya** is a Psychology with Neuropsychology student at Bangor University and **Azyyati** is a University of Dundee Forensic Dentistry graduate.

- **Clement** is a Mechanical Engineering student at the University of Southampton, and **Chandra** is a petroleum engineer in Indonesia.

- **Isaac** is a Law student at Queen Mary University of London and **Kim** is a barrister in Malaysia.

- **Shawn** is a medical student on placement at Torbay Hospital in the UK and **Dr John Chan** is a consultant cardiothoracic surgeon at Cardiac Vascular Sentinel in Malaysia.

Download the files [here.](#)
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STUDENT STORIES AND CAREER SUCCESS (videos)

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We have a wide range of stories to share from students who have already chosen to study in the UK. Please share these experiences to give your students a greater insight into what it’s like to study in the UK.

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From summer 2021, international students will be able to benefit from two years' work experience in the UK after graduation, through the new Graduate Route. Students who complete their PhD will be able to stay for three years.

Here is everything you need to know to advise your students:

- The Graduate Route will be available to international students who have a valid Tier 4 visa at the time of application and have successfully completed a degree at undergraduate level or above at a higher Education provider with a track record of compliance.

- Successful applicants will be able to stay and work, or look for work, in the UK at any skill level for a maximum period of two years. Graduates will be able to switch into skilled work once they have found a suitable job.

- The new route will be launched in the summer of 2021, meaning that any eligible student who graduates in the summer of 2021 or after will be able to apply for the route. This includes students who have already started their courses.

- The Graduate Route will require a new visa application.

- It will include the payment of a visa fee and the Immigration Health Surcharge. The exact fee will be set out in due course.

- Those who graduate and whose Tier 4 leave expires before the route is introduced will not be eligible, however, most of these students will have had no expectation of benefiting from such a route when they applied to study in the UK.

The UK government has confirmed that if students begin their studies through distance learning in the 2020–21 academic year, they will still be eligible to apply for the Graduate Route, provided they arrive in the UK by 6 April 2021. View the updated guidance.

For more information, and to view frequently asked questions, visit the Home Office blog.
Sharing information about the Graduate Route on social media

Please use the copy below to share information via your preferred social media channels.

1. Are you an international student in the UK and due to finish your studies in the summer of 2021 or later? You could be eligible for the new Graduate Route, and remain in the UK for two years after you’ve successfully completed your studies. Find out more:
   https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/after-your-studies/post-study-work

2. The UK government has created a new immigration route that will enable international students to remain in the UK for two years after they have successfully completed their studies. Find out more on the Study UK website:
   https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/after-your-studies/post-study-work

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   https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/after-your-studies/post-study-work
To support students in submitting their application, we have a set of videos that you can use to inform students about the application process to study in the UK.

These videos can be downloaded from the British Council Brand Hub.

What is Clearing?
Clearing is how universities and colleges in the UK fill any places they still have on their courses.

From 6 July to 20 October, applicants can apply for a course using Clearing if they're not already holding an offer from a university or college, and the course still has places.

Applicants can use Clearing if:
• they're applying after 30 June
• they didn't receive any offers (or none they wanted to accept)
• they didn't meet the conditions of their offers
• they've declined their firm place using the 'decline my place' button in Track.

The UK is open and we’re welcoming applications for the 2020–21 intake and we would encourage you to direct any undecided students to our university finder tool to search for courses.
### Useful tips for applying through Clearing.

**Encourage applicants to:**
- ask for advice
- see what courses are available by using the search tool on UCAS and check entry requirements
- consider different subjects
- talk to the universities they are interested in
- attend a virtual open day.

**For more information about clearing, visit the UCAS website.**

Please use the accompanying promotional copy below to share via your preferred social media channels.

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### Applying for a course promotional copy. You can add your own call to action with contact details.

| Clearing (from 6 July to 20 October) | | |
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| **Do you want to study in the UK in 2020–21? There’s still time to apply for some courses via Clearing. Watch Study UK’s step-by-step guide on the information you’ll need to apply.** | **Asset:** StudyUK_ApplyingForAnUndergraduateDegree_16x9. 4 minute 32 second explainer video on [UK undergraduate applications](#).mp4 | |
| **Do you want to study for a postgraduate course in the UK? Watch Study UK’s short guide on the information you’ll need to apply.** | **Asset:** StudyUK_ApplyingForPostgraduate_16x9. 1 minute 44 second [postgraduate application advice](#).mp4 | |

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The UK has now left the European Union and the transition period ends on 31 December 2020. This will mean some changes for students from EU, other EEA countries or Switzerland who start a UK course from 1 January 2021 onwards.

• **Arrive by 31 December 2020:** Have ‘home fee status’ for the full duration of their course, and do not need to apply for a visa. If they plan to stay in the UK after 30 June 2021, they should apply to the EU Settlement Scheme once they are in the UK.

• **Arrive after 1 January 2021 to start a course in the 2020–21 academic year** (course starts before 31 July 2021): Remain eligible for home fee status and student loans subject to meeting the residency requirements, need to apply for a student visa before travelling to the UK.

• **Arrive in the UK / start a course after 1 August 2021:** Not eligible for home fee status or student loans, need to apply for a student visa before travelling to the UK.

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Student fees and loans

EU nationals living in the EEA or Switzerland who start at a university or further education institution by 31 July 2021 are eligible for ‘home fee status’ in all parts of the UK, subject to meeting the residency requirements. This means they pay the same tuition fees as students from the part of the UK where the university is located (free for undergraduates in Scotland). They can also apply for a UK student loan to cover their tuition fees. This guarantee applies for the full duration of their course.

EU nationals living in the EEA or Switzerland and starting new courses in England or Scotland from 1 August 2021 onwards will not be eligible for home fee status or student loans (Northern Ireland and Wales have not yet confirmed). This does not apply to Irish nationals covered by the Common Travel Area arrangement.

EU student fees will be set by the university, and costs will vary depending on the course and university. Please check with the individual university for more information.

Immigration requirements*

EU, EEA or Swiss students who arrive in the UK before 31 December 2020 do not need a visa. They need to fill out a simple online form to apply for the EU Settlement Scheme to show they arrived before this date (they’ll need to meet the residency requirements of the scheme). They have until 30 June 2021 to complete the form.

If they arrive in the UK on 1 January 2021 or later, they will first need to apply for and be granted a student visa if they are studying for a course that is longer than six months. For this they will need:

- An unconditional offer from a UK education provider [to study a course that leads to an approved qualification. The student will need to provide their reference number from the Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS). They’ll receive from their education provider when they have their place confirmed and have fulfilled any conditional requirements (e.g. exam results).

- Proof that they fulfil the course requirements, including:
  - Relevant academic qualifications needed to undertake the course
  - Required standard of English (speaking, reading, writing and understanding) for the course

- Proof that they can financially support themselves during their studies in the UK

- A current passport or other valid travel document.

Students can apply for their visa up to six months before their course starts. The application fee is £348. Applications for EU student visas are not yet open.

Most people will be able to complete their application, including identity verification, using a smartphone app. If you can’t access the smartphone app or you don’t have a biometric passport, you may need to go to a Visa Application Centre in your country.

All applicants will also need to pay a fee called an Immigration Health Surcharge. This gives access to the UK’s National Health Service. Students receive a 25 per cent discount on the usual cost of this surcharge. Details of costs will be available shortly.

*Please note that the British Council is not an immigration advisory service. If you have any questions about visas for EU citizens, please check the UK government website, where you can also sign up for alerts on the UK government immigration mailing list.

Staying in the UK after your studies

All international students in the UK – including EU students from January 2021 onwards – will be able to apply for the UK’s new graduate route to stay in the UK for two years after their degree (three years after completing a PhD) to work or look for work at any skills level.

The route will be available in Summer 2021 for those who have completed an undergraduate or masters degree at a higher education provider with a track record of compliance. There’s more information about this in the Graduate route section of this guide.

More information

Our dedicated EU student page provides more information about any changes. You can also visit the UK government’s page.

For more information the EU Settlement Scheme.

The UK Council for International Student Affairs has very detailed Brexit pages.

Universities UK International has Brexit FAQs for universities and students.
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