

# Who must register with the Police?



Students from countries outside of the EU/EEA are classified as ‘low’ or ‘high’ risk nationals. High risk countries are illustrated on the map (above). Students from these regions are required to register with the police in addition to completing the Tier 4 Visa requirements. They are also required to register their attendance at their respective institutions.

## ‘Low’ risk nationals: ‘High’ risk nationals:

The following nationalities are considered as “low risk” nationalities if they are applying for the visa in their home country: Argentina, Australia, BNO (British National Overseas) Brunei, Chile, Croatia, Canada, Hong Kong (HKSAR ‘blue’ passport) Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Trinidad, Tobago and the USA.

Tier 4 applicants of the above nationalities do not need to send official original points-scoring evidence (degree certificates, bank statements etc) in with their visa application to come to the UK, if applying in their home country. However, they need to be aware that they may still need to provide the required evidence in the required format, if the UK visa office considering their application asks for it.

When they make their application, they need to: 1) complete the initial form (online or on paper VAF9); 2) complete the Appendix 8 application form; 3) pay the visa fee; 4) give biometrics; 5) send/take their application, photographs and original passport to the British Embassy/ Consulate that deals with application in their country; 6) use the low risk route.

If they are applying outside of their home country (for example, they have residency in a different country from the country of their nationality), they will need to provide all the evidence as required with their application and they would not benefit from the ‘low risk’ concessions.

International students from High Risk countries must register with the police after they arrive in the UK. If they need to register, the instruction will be printed on their entry clearance sticker in their passport or on their Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) and they will need to register within seven days of their arrival in the UK. If they are in the UK for six months or less, it is unlikely they will need to register with the police. However, they will need to register if they change to student status and are given the police registration stamp.

**Where to register:** Overseas Visitors Records Office, 180 Borough High Street, London, SE1 1LH, Tel: +44 (0)20 7230 1208. Opening times: 9.00-16.00 Monday to Friday. Doors can close as early as 14.30 in busy periods (September to November).

**What to take with you to register:** £34.00 registration fee, which can be paid by cash, sterling travellers’ cheque or most credit and debit cards. Passport. If they are registering for the first time, they will find it helpful to complete and print the Police Registration Proforma form and take it with them. After they have registered with the Overseas Visitors Records Office, they will receive a police registration certificate. This should be kept safe and up-to-date. If they change accommodation during their stay in the UK, they must take their certificate to any police station within seven

days of their move to be updated. There is no charge for this. If they need to replace their certificate, there is a charge of £34. If they extend their leave to remain in the UK, or apply for permission to work in the UK, they will need to submit their police registration certificate with their application. When their visa or leave to remain is extended, they must take their certificate to any police station within seven days to be updated. If they travel in and out of the UK during their stay, they will need to show their police registration certificate.

**Who needs to register?** Students from the countries listed in the column to the right must register with the police. They will also need to register with the police if they are a stateless person or a person travelling on a non-national travel document rather than a passport.

“I have to sign in at the University every week. However, police registration is not needed and I can travel in and out of the UK as and when I like.”

Singapore International undergraduate student, University of the Arts London.

**Non-visa nationals:**

Some nationalities can enter the UK without a visa and be stamped in for up to 6 months as a visitor. If they are coming to study a degree, they must not enter the UK as a visitor. Universities are not be able to enrol them, the visa cannot be changed from within the UK and they would have to return home, arrange the correct visa and return to the UK.

**EU/EEA/Swiss passport holders:**

EU/EEA and Swiss students do not need a visa and are not subject to UK immigration control. They enter the UK through the EU/EEA channel at passport control on arrival. This includes “dual nationals” - people who have an EU/ EEA/Swiss passport in addition to a non-EU/EEA/Swiss passport. If they have EU/EEA/Swiss nationality in addition to another, they use their EU/EEA/Swiss passport to arrive in the UK. Doing so, places them outside of immigration requirements. Non-EU/EEA/Swiss nationals: Non-EU/EEA/Swiss Nationals arriving in the UK as a student to study for a degree at Edinburgh must arrange a Tier 4 General student visa, before travelling to the UK from the British embassy or consulate in your home country.

**Home Office Immigration (Work & Settlement)**

Immigration has enriched our culture and strengthened our economy, but it must be controlled so that people have confidence in the system. This Government has already introduced a limit on non-EU economic migrants entering the UK; reshaped Tiers 1 and 2 of the Points Based System to increase selectivity and skills requirements; and announced changes to Tier 4, the student visa system. These policies will result in a downward trend in net migration and a reduction in abuse, but we need to take further action to ensure we reach sustainable levels. We need to be more selective about who we allow to stay.

Excerpt from a proposal published online (9.06.2011) from the Minister of State for Immigration (Damian Green).



## Immigration Rules

### Persons seeking to enter or remain in the United Kingdom for Studies:

Requirements for leave to enter as a student: **57. DELETED.** Leave to enter as a student: **58. DELETED.** Refusal of leave to enter as a student:**59. DELETED.** Requirements for an extension of stay as a student: **60. DELETED.** Extension of stay as a student: **61. DELETED.** Refusal of extension of stay as a student: **62. DELETED.** Student nurses: Definition of a student nurse. **63.DELETED.** Requirements for

leave to enter as a student nurse **64. DELETED.** Leave to enter the United Kingdom as a student nurse **65. DELETED.**Refusal of leave to enter as a student nurse. **66. DELETED.** Requirements for an extension of stay as a student nurse **67. DELETED.** Extension of stay as a student nurse **68. DELETED.** Refusal of extension of stay as a student nurse **69. DELETED.**

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