



# International Student Support

Dear all,

As you may already be aware, UKVI have recently made some minor changes to the immigration rules. We have listed below some of the changes which will be of particular interest for current tier 4 students:

**Students switching from full-time to a sandwich course:**

Most students who are switching from a full-time course to a sandwich course or a course with study abroad have to make a visa application before changing courses. Previously, students were not allowed to make this visa application to cover the extra year in the UK – they had to return home to apply. Under the new Tier 4 rules, it is now possible for students in this situation to make their application in the UK instead of having to return overseas. The application still has to be submitted at the time the student is switching courses. For generic information about making a Tier 4 visa application in the UK, please [check our website](#).

If you are thinking of switching from a full-time course to a sandwich course, please [contact the International Student Support Service](#) for further advice.

**Students switching from Tier 4 to Tier 2:**

Previously, students who wanted to apply for a Tier 2 visa after their studies had to provide evidence that they had successfully completed their course as part of their visa application. Tier 4 students who have a job offer and an employer who is able to sponsor them for their Tier 2 application are now able to apply as soon as they have completed their studies. If their transcript or official certificate is not available, they will be able to use a letter from their university confirming that they have completed their course.

You can find the full list of the recent changes to the immigration rules on the GOV.UK website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/statement-of-changes-to-the-immigration-rules-hc309-7-december-2017>

We would also like to remind all students about some topics which may be relevant to you:

**BRP:**

Just like your passport, your BRP card is a very important document and you need to make

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sure you keep it safe. If you lose it, you will be required to apply for a replacement, which is expensive and time consuming. It is advisable that you do not carry your BRP around with you unless you need it, for example if you are travelling outside the country or showing it to an employer. We would like to remind students that **you do not need to routinely carry ID with you in the UK.** You will need to carry your BRP with you if you are travelling outside of the UK as you will need to show it at the UK border control when you return to the UK. If you lose your BRP, please refer to our guidance for advice on how to replace it:

[http://www4.ntu.ac.uk/student\\_services/international\\_students/other\\_immigration\\_matters/lost\\_passport/index.html](http://www4.ntu.ac.uk/student_services/international_students/other_immigration_matters/lost_passport/index.html)

Please also remember you will be required to bring your new BRP to the [Student Services Centre](#) (Newton Building, City Campus) so your student record can be updated.

### **Police Registration:**

Students from certain countries are required to obtain a Police Registration Certificate when they come to the UK for more than 6 months. Please check our website for more information about who needs to register with the Police and how you can do this:

[http://www4.ntu.ac.uk/student\\_services/international\\_students/other\\_immigration\\_matters/police\\_registration/index.html](http://www4.ntu.ac.uk/student_services/international_students/other_immigration_matters/police_registration/index.html)

Please make sure you keep your police registration certificate up to date – you need to report to the Police any of the following changes:

- new UK address
- new passport
- new visa
- changes to your marital status

### **Schengen visas for travel to Europe:**

Students who are planning to go on a trip to Europe either as part of a school trip or for a holiday need to check if they need to obtain a Schengen visa before they travel to Europe.

For more advice about Schengen visas, please check our website:

[http://www4.ntu.ac.uk/student\\_services/document\\_uploads/119600.pdf](http://www4.ntu.ac.uk/student_services/document_uploads/119600.pdf)

If you have any further queries about the above issues, please do not hesitate to contact us:

International Student Support Service' Student Services Centre, Newton building (level 0)

Enquiry desk: 1-4pm, Monday to Friday

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