

FACTSHEET: New Student visa route

As of 5 October 2020, the UK government has introduced a new international student immigration route. This new [Student visa](#) route has now replaced the 'Tier 4' visa route.

All student visa applications, including dependants, made on or after 5 Oct 2020 will be decided under the new Student route rules, even if the CAS was issued before 5 October.

All EU/EEA citizens arriving in the UK after 1 Jan 2021 will be required to apply via the Student route.

Summary of key changes

To be eligible for a Student visa, you must now obtain 70 points as per the table below:

Points type	Relevant requirements to be met	Number of points
Study (must meet all)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CAS requirement - Course requirement - Approved qualification requirement - Level of study requirement - Place of study requirement 	50
Financial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial requirement 	10
English language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - English language requirement 	10

- You will obtain the points in ways similar to the Tier 4 route – so you would still need a CAS from the University of Huddersfield, show that you can speak in English at a suitable level and prove that you meet the financial requirements as set by the Home Office. For details, see [Guidance for Student visa route](#).
- You will not need to submit any financial evidence (e.g. bank statement, sponsor letter) with your visa application, if any of the following applies to you:
 - If you (or your dependants) have been living in the UK with a valid permission for at least 12 months.
 - If you are applying as a Student Union Sabbatical Officer.
- Time limits for those studying at postgraduate level (masters and PhD) have been removed (Undergraduate students are still subject to a five year time limit).
- You can submit your visa application 6 months before the start date of the course – this was previously 3 months.
- ATAS certificate exemption has been extended to EEA nationals, Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea and USA
- Switching to Tier 4 visa in the UK will be permitted in most categories except for the following:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Visitor ○ Domestic worker in a private household ○ Seasonal worker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Short term student ○ granted outside the immigration rules
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