

NEW POST-STUDY IMMIGRATION ROUTE ANNOUNCED

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A new immigration route has been announced that means that International students in the U.K. who have studied any subject will be able to stay in the U.K. for up to two years to find work.

The new route will be a separate visa requiring a separate application, and it is expected that students entering the UK in the 2020-21 academic year intake will be eligible.

Students will need to have completed a degree from a trusted university or higher education provider. The new immigration route will build upon the U.K.'s effort to recruit and retain the best and brightest global talent, and is in recognition of the important contribution international students make to the U.K. both culturally and economically.

The new immigration route has no cap on numbers. Last year UK universities educated around 460,000 international students, not including those from within the EU. The government aims to grow the number to 600,000 over the next 10 years.

We will provide a more detailed brief of this new visa route at a later date when further information is available.

U.K. Government source: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/worlds-largest-genetics-research-project-to-fight-deadly-diseases-and-offer-new-offer-for-international-students>

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<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2019/sep/10/uk-work-visas-for-foreign-graduates-to-be-extended-to-two-years>