

# Indian Students: Are you affected by Home Office action?

On 24 June 24 2014, the Home Office took action against three universities and 57 private colleges which will impact their ability to recruit new international students.

Universities and Colleges in the UK who want to recruit international students from outside the European Economic Area who require a Tier 4 visa, must have a Tier 4 license.

**It will also impact the ability of some students to extend their visas and may impact the ability of the university or college to continue teaching international students in the future. It may also impact your current visa and course of study.**

Please note, the institutions currently remain able to teach international students, so all international students should be able to continue their courses provided they have leave to do so.

## International Students Travelling in and out of the UK

**We have been made aware of more rigorous checks at the UK borders for International Students. As you will know from your Tier 4 visa or Student Visitor Visa information, if you are an international student there are a number of documents you need to have with you when passing through immigration control.**

To find out more about what you need to ensure a smooth trip through UK border control, please follow this link:

<http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/International-Students/When-you-arrive/Immigration-and-customs/>

UKCISA say: "When you enter, or re-enter, the UK with Tier 4 immigration permission you will have to pass through immigration control. You will probably be asked questions by a Border Force Officer (BFO)

The BFO may also ask to see documents to confirm that you still intend to use, and are still able to meet the requirements of, your immigration permission.

**You must be able to show these documents to the BFO, especially if you are planning to study at a university or college which has recently had its [Tier 4 sponsor licence suspended](#).**

Please read our information on 'Immigration and customs' for when you arrive [here](#) for guidance on what you should bring in your hand luggage."

The Home Office's [Tier 4 Guidance](#) (p. 152 - 156) also outlines the circumstances you can be refused entry at the border which will help you to understand your rights when entering the UK with a Tier 4 visa.

There have been cases of students having their visas cancelled and passports seized upon arrival due to insufficient documents or their [initial test centres for the IELTS tests, being compromised](#).

Please be aware that if you have falsified documents, there is very little that can be done to help you.

If you are at risk of being suspected of having falsified documents, please make sure you are prepared with more than sufficient proof to contest this. [To do this please enquire and find out if your initial test centre was compromised](#).

The UKBA has full rights to invalidate your visa on site based on suspicions if you do not provide evidence to contest.

If you are stopped at immigration and your visa is invalidated, you have recourse to an appeal and you have 10 working days to file this appeal, either independently or through an immigration solicitor.

## Universities affected

The action described at the top of this page is limited to:

- **Glyndwr University:** Tier 4 licence suspended;
- **University of West London:** unable to sponsor new students (assigned zero Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies)
- **University of Bedfordshire:** unable to sponsor new students (assigned zero Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies).

And the below private colleges who have also had their Tier 4 licence suspended:

- Alpha College
- Alpha Meridian College
- APS Computer Solutions TA  
Pitman Training Centre
- Birmingham Institute of  
Education Training and  
Technology
- Blake Hall College
- Bloomsbury International UK
- Bradford College of  
Management
- Bradford Metropolitan College
- Bristol College of  
Accountancy
- Britain College
- Central College London
- Central College of Studies
- Central Cranbrook College
- Citizen 2000 Education  
Institute
- City of London Academy
- College of Advanced Studies
- College of East London
- College of Excellence
- Cranford College
- Essex College
- Eynsford College
- FBT (Finance Business  
Training)
- Forbes Graduate School
- Hammersmith Management  
College
- Helios International College
- IIM Bedford
- Interlink College of  
Technology & Business  
Studies
- Katherine & Kings College of  
London
- Kinnaird College
- LIT LON Ltd
- London Academy of  
Management and Business
- London College of Business  
Management and Computing  
Studies
- London College of Finance  
and Accounting
- London Corporate College
- London Educators Ltd
- London Premier College
- London Regal College
- London School of Advanced  
Studies
- London School of Marketing  
t/a LS Business School
- London School of Technology
- London St Andrews College
- LSBF (London School of  
Business and Finance)
- Manchester College of  
Management Sciences
- Manchester International  
College (International  
Learning Centre)
- Manchester Trinity
- Midlands Academy of  
Business and Technology
- North West College Reading
- Queensbury College
- Shakespeare College
- South London College
- Stanfords College UK Ltd
- Studio Cambridge
- Superior College London
- UK Business Academy
- UK Vocational Training  
College t/a UK CAT
- West George College
- West London Business  
College

# Are you an international student at any of these colleges or universities?

It is important you know what impact this may have on your ability to study. [Follow this link](#)

<http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/studentnews/291/Tier-4-sponsor-licence-problems-information-for-students> to see what impact this action may have on your ability to study in the UK.

For independent and certified immigration advice you can contact the UKCISA student helpline on line 020 7788 9214 which is open from Monday to Friday, 13:00 – 16:00 (UK time).

- Download the latest Home Office fact sheet on the [impact on students here](#):  
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/329796/140709\\_Factsheet\\_v2.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/329796/140709_Factsheet_v2.pdf)

If you have questions on the status of your university or college you can contact the Home Office student helpline for on 0114 207 1688 between 09:00 and 17:00, Monday to Friday and 09:00 to 13:00 on Saturday. Please note, the Home Office will not provide independent or confidential immigration advice and only advise on the situation for your university or college.

## Have you been invited to an interview with the Home Office?

**If you have been invited to an interview with the Home Office. Please contact us at NISU UK, the High Commission and NUS.**

### **NISU UK**

While we cannot provide legal representation, we can discuss your case with you, and connect you directly with higher authorities such as HCI and UKCISA

### **NUS**

NUS has worked with our legal team from Bindmans LLP to bring together a brief outline of your rights if you are invited to a Home Office interview. This guidance is for students who have received a letter inviting them to an interview and covers your legal rights regarding representation and process as well as advice on what to do before you attend the interview. Download the guidance [here](#):  
<http://nus.org.uk/PageFiles/59144/Advice%20for%20International%20Students%20-%20Home%20Office%20Interviews.pdf>

If you need further information or advice, or are subject to detention or deportation please contact NUS on 0300 303 8602.

**NUS cannot provide any personal representation but can direct you to areas of support.**

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