



National Indian Students and Alumni Union (UK)

Guidance on recent immigration changes for Indian students coming to the UK to study or considering studying in the UK

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What has happened?¹

The UK government has expanded the list of nations from which student visa applicants will have to provide a "reduced level of documentation" in order to secure their study permit.

The change was recently unveiled in a statement by Immigration Minister Caroline Noakes, along with other changes to immigration policy affecting medical staff, Afghan interpreters, and school children who do not qualify for humanitarian leave to remain.

The list has been extended from 15 nations to 26, with nations such as China, Bahrain and Serbia added to the US, Canada and New Zealand.

India has not been included in this list, and it effectively remains in the high-risk category.

How does this affect me?

It is important for Indian students to note that there is no change to the application process compared to previous years. The British High Commissioner to India has also confirmed this, stating "*the terms being offered to Indian students are no different from what they were last year*"²

There is no need to panic.

Questions

If you are concerned about any aspect of your application or desire to come to the UK to study, please feel free to touch base with us. Write to us at secretary@nisu.org.uk

Important Note

The NISAU does not provide any legal advice nor should any communication or guidance be construed as the provision of any legal advice.

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