

## UK immigration law

# Tier 1: Post-study workers

**Notice: On 6 April 2011 new immigration legislation came into effect making further changes to this category. To read these changes please go to [Immigration news and updates](#).**

This category is designed for students who have completed a course of study in the UK (at least at bachelor's level) and, having completed this, wish to remain in the UK to work.

In order to qualify you must score a total of 95 points in the areas described below. You must score 75 points for "Attributes", 10 points for "English Language" and 10 points for "Maintenance".

### Attributes: (75 points)

In order to score 75 points, you must produce documentary evidence to show that you:

- Have successfully completed a United Kingdom recognised degree at bachelor's or postgraduate level; or a United Kingdom Postgraduate Certificate in Education; or a Higher National Diploma (HND) from a Scottish institution **(20 points)**;
- Have studied for your eligible qualification at an institution that is a United Kingdom recognised or United Kingdom listed body; or is a Scottish publicly funded institution of further or higher education; or at an institution which holds a sponsor licence under Tier 4 of the Points Based System **(20 points)**;
- Have obtained the eligible qualification whilst having permission to enter or stay in the UK as a student or a dependant of someone with leave in any category that allows dependants to join them in the UK **(20 points)**; and
- Have made your application within 12 months of obtaining your eligible qualification **(15 points)**.

### English language: (10 points)

If you score 75 points under Attributes you will be deemed to meet the English language requirement without showing any further documentary evidence and therefore score 10 points automatically.

### Maintenance: (10 points)

Finally, you must meet the Maintenance requirement which means you must show you have either:

- £2800 for you and £1600 for each family member (if you are making entry clearance applications from outside the UK); or
- £800 for you and £533 for each family member (if you are making an application from inside the UK).

It is necessary to provide evidence of the "Maintenance" in the form of cash funds such as bank statements which must cover at least the 3 month period immediately prior to making the application. The balance should not fall below the required minimum at any time during the 3 month period.

### Duration of a post-study visa

Tier 1 post-study work visas are granted for a period of 2 years. You cannot extend your stay under this category; however you can apply to switch to a different category under the Point-Based System, provided that you meet the requirements of that particular category.

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