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Right to Study Checks

LSBU Students

Who needs a right to study check?

- Anyone who wants to commence the enrolment process in order to study a course and/or attend classes/lectures at London South Bank University (LSBU)
- Anyone who is currently enrolled as a student in order to study a course and/or attend classes/lectures at LSBU

What is the 'right to study'?

- The 'right to study' means you have permission to remain in the UK and this permission does not restrict you from study at LSBU.
- 'Permission' could be a visa or endorsement, or you may be entitled to remain in the UK because you are the family member of someone who has permission to remain in the UK.

Why do we need to do checks?

LSBU holds a UKVI sponsor licence. We are required by the Home Office to take steps to ensure that every student studying at the institution has permission to study in the UK throughout the whole period of their study. Failure to do so is a breach of our duties as a Sponsor and can result in compliance action against us or the revocation of our licence.

What you must do:

Please ensure that you refer to Appendix ST: Student below which give examples of visas and immigration status.

If you are a prospective student/applicant/offer holder

It is important that you understand if you have the right to study prior to commencing enrolment as a student at LSBU. This is because the 'right to study' check is conducted when you enrol as a student at LSBU. We may not be permitted to commence the enrolment process with you and you may be unable to start your course if you are unable to show evidence of this right to study when you attend enrolment as a student. If your immigration status is due to expire shortly after your course commences, or if you have a pending application which may mean we cannot determine if you have the right to study, you may wish to consider deferring your studies until your immigration status has been extended or granted.

Please note, you will also be required to separately have a student status assessment to determine whether you are Home/EU/Overseas for fees/funding purposes, and you may be required to provide other documentation to verify that assessment.

If you are currently enrolled as a LSBU student

It is important that you maintain your immigration status throughout your studies at LSBU. You must take action to maintain your immigration status where your permission to stay is due to expire, or take action to maintain your immigration status where your permission to stay is due to expire, or where your circumstances change which affects your immigration status.





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LSBU must ensure that every student who is enrolled at LSBU has the right to study so we will take action to suspend or exclude students if it transpires that you no longer have the right to study. It is your responsibility to make sure that you take the appropriate action to maintain your immigration status prior to the expiry of your stay.

Guidance review

This guidance will be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure it remains compliant with the Student Route Sponsor Guidance which are subject to change by the Home Office. The current version of this policy supersedes any previous versions.

Pending applications

If you have an application pending for any of the above immigration categories, we reserve the right to contact the Home Office for confirmation of your right to study before allowing you to commence enrolment. We will ask you to sign a form which grants us permission for the Home Office to share information about yourself and your immigration history/status. Please note, such requests can take up to five working days for the Home Office to process.

Pending appeals

If you have an outstanding appeal against a Home Office decision to refuse an application for any of the above immigration categories, LSBU will contact the Home Office for confirmation of your right to study before allowing you to commence enrolment.

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Change in circumstances

If there is a change in your circumstances so that you no longer meet the conditions under which you were granted your visa or you no longer satisfy the provisions of the EEA Regulations, you may lose the right to study even though you have a valid residence card or other proof of immigration status, e.g. your permission to stay is on the basis of your relationship and your relationship breaks down permanently.

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Examples of visas and immigration documents

Here are some examples of the types of documentation which you will be required to produce:

1. Biometric residence permit (BRP)



2. Vignette (usually a sticker in passport)







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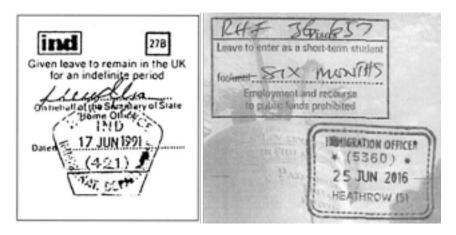
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3. Letter from Home Office



4. Stamps





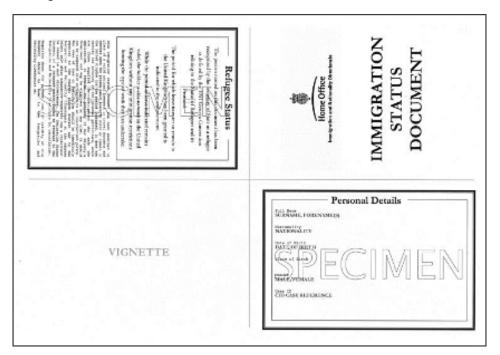
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5. Immigration Status Document



6. Residence cards











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7. Certificate of Application

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8. Student Visa 'Document Checklist'

