

Office for Students registration: Tier 4 visa privileges by college

Our registration with the Office for Students (OfS) means many students who were issued a CAS on or after 26 August 2020¹ will now have access to certain privileges, such as renew their Tier 4 visa from within the UK, the ability to undertake paid work during their pathway course and submit an alternative proof of English language to a UKVI-approved Secure English Language Test (SELT) as part of their visa application.

Which benefits students may be eligible for varies according to their college and course type. Please see the table below for full details.

College/Programmes	Renew Tier 4 visa in the UK ²	Work up to 20 hours per week in term time or full time in holidays	Work up to 10 hours per week in term time or full time in holidays	Apply for a Tier 4 visa without submitting a UKVI-approved SELT ³
Bournemouth University International College				
Foundation Certificate	•		•	
International Year One	•	•		•
Pre-Master's	•		•	
Glasgow International College				
Foundation Certificate	•		•	
Pre-Master's	•		•	
Kaplan International College London				
Foundation Certificate	•		•	
International Year One	•	•		•
Pre-Master's	•		•	
Pre-Doctorate	•		•	
Nottingham Trent International College				
Foundation Certificate	•		•	
International Year One	•	•		•
Pre-Master's	•		•	
University of Brighton International College				
Foundation Certificate	•		•	
International Year One	•	•		•
Pre-Master's	•		•	

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University of Bristol International Foundation Programme				
Foundation	•		•	
University of Essex International College				
As providers need to have continuously held education oversight for 4 years and passed 4 consecutive UKVI compliance assessments in order to access privileges, regardless of OfS registration, students at the University of Essex International College will not be eligible for these privileges until at least the 2021/22 academic year.				
University of Liverpool International College				
Foundation Certificate	•		•	
Pre-Master's	•		•	
University of Nottingham International College				
Foundation Certificate	•		•	
Pre-Master's	•		•	
Pre-Doctorate	•		•	
University of Nottingham Engineering and Physical Sciences Foundation Certificate				
Foundation Certificate	•		•	
University of York International Pathway College				
Foundation Certificate	•		•	
Pre-Master's ⁴	•	•		•
UWE Bristol's International College				
Foundation Certificate	•		•	
International Year One	•	•		•
Pre-Master's	•		•	

¹ This date does not apply to students studying the University of Bristol's International Foundation Programme, Engineering and Physical Sciences Foundation Certificate at the University of Nottingham, or any course at the University of York International Pathway College, where these privileges were already in place.

² Provided the gap between the end of the student's pathway course and the start of their degree, as defined by the dates on their CAS, is no greater than 28 days.

³ If they have an English language level equivalent to UKVI IELTS 5.5, in all skills or higher.

⁴ Pre-Master's courses at the University of York International Pathway College are classified as university-level programmes, and therefore offer the same privileges as an International Year One.

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