

# Graduate Route Student Guidance

The Graduate Route launched on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021, providing international students with the ability to remain in the UK on an unsponsored visa after they have successfully completed their course as per their CAS letter. For Undergraduate and Postgraduate Taught students, they can stay in the UK for two years if the application is granted

This Route provides students with a unique opportunity to find work and utilise their skills in the UK and to plan their future career.

There is set criteria which a student must meet in order to be eligible for the Graduate Route.

## Eligibility Checklist:

- ✓ You are in the UK;
- ✓ You are currently on a Student / Tier 4 visa;
- ✓ You have studied a UK bachelor's degree, postgraduate degree or other eligible course for a minimum period of time with your Student / Tier 4 visa;
- ✓ You have successfully completed your course

Let's now dissect each of these eligibility criteria.

## Eligible Qualification Requirement

All of BPP's bachelor's and post graduate courses are eligible for the Graduate Route if you are studying on a Student/Tier 4 visa.

## Successful Completion Requirement

BPP is a Higher Education Provider with a Track Record of compliance status under the Register of Student Sponsors, which allows you to be eligible for the Graduate route. BPP is committed to keeping this status to ensure we can continue to sponsor International students and to allow our students to benefit from the Graduate Route. You must have completed your course receiving the award for which your CAS letter was granted. As an example, if your course on your CAS letter is MSc Management, you must have received an MSc; you will not be eligible if you were awarded a Postgraduate Certificate / Postgraduate Diploma.

BPP is required to notify the UKVI prior to you applying for the Graduate Route. We have processes in place, which will occur behind the scenes so when you make an application it will be available for you.

BPP is reviewing all programmes and expected visa end dates to ensure that students can make applications for the Graduate Route if they satisfy the eligibility checklist.

You must have completed your course as per the dates on your CAS letter to be eligible. You will not be eligible if you have resits outstanding and BPP will not be able to go outside of the normal assessment schedules to fast-track resits and the release of results. If you submit your Graduate Route application without having completed your course, you will lose your application fee. BPP will not be liable for any costs incurred by you as part of the application for the Graduate route. It is your responsibility to ensure you have successfully completed your course before making an application under this route.

### **What is BPP doing in the background?**

BPP must notify the UKVI using the Sponsor Management System (SMS) prior to your application. We will be taking information from External Exam Boards who confirm your results to provide the UKVI with the information.

We are ensuring that our programmes will allow for students to be eligible for the Graduate Route and apply in time before their Student Visa expires.

### **Our Advice around the Graduate Route**

Completing on time is crucial for smooth access to the Graduate Route. Should you have progression issues or outstanding results, you put your eligibility for the Graduate Route at risk. You must know you have completed your course fully before you submit an application or it may be rejected and you may lose your application fee. You must also ensure your tuition fees are cleared as outstanding fees will put a hold on your results being released. We will not be able to provide the UKVI confirmation of completion if your results are on hold due to outstanding fees.

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

#### **Do I need to tell BPP I am applying for the Graduate Route?**

No, you do not. We will be updating the SMS with all completions so students can apply as they wish.

#### **I don't have my CAS number, who should I contact?**

If you do not have a copy of your CAS letter and require your CAS number as part of the application, then please contact the Study Visas team ([Studyvisas@bpp.com](mailto:Studyvisas@bpp.com)) The team will be able to provide this to you.

#### **My results are released just before my visa expires, what should I do?**

BPP is aware of instances where results come out shortly before visa expirations and we will be ensuring the SMS is updated in time for you to submit your application. If you are worried or concerned you can contact the International Advice Team who will be able to respond to your queries.

#### **I was supposed to complete my course but didn't – what are my next steps?**

As part of the criteria, you must be in the UK, your current leave must be a Student visa, and you must have completed your course. If your visa expires you may be eligible for a visa extension, should you meet the necessary criteria for an extension. If this is not possible, you will not be eligible for the Graduate Route.

If you have questions about the Graduate Route, please contact International Student Advice via the Online Query Form or by [InternationalAdvice@bpp.com](mailto:InternationalAdvice@bpp.com).