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Welcome! 欢迎 , Bienvenue , أهلا وسهلا ,

We really enjoyed meeting so many of you during Welcome when you were collecting your BRP or coming for your right to study check. We hope that you are settling in to your studies and to life in Birmingham. The following is information that is important:

If you have not had your right to study check (when you bring your passport and visa documents to the International Student Team) then you should do so **immediately**. It is easy to do and you don't need an appointment – just come to the 3rd Floor of University Centre with your immigration documents to the International Student Team (IST).

It is really useful for you to keep details of your **Term dates** for this year and you will find them at:

<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses/termdates.aspx>

If you haven't done so already you should register with a Doctor as soon as you can. To find out how to register with a GP (doctor) go to www.birmingham.ac.uk/registergp

Get to know the city! The University is set on a beautiful, green campus, however, catch a train straight from campus to the city centre and you'll find yourself in the heart of a vibrant, exciting city. Go to our webpages for more information:

<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/personal-page/birmingham-city.aspx>

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TEAM (IST)

The IST are here to support you and any visa issues or questions you may have. We offer a broad range of services to students including workshops, appointments, triage sessions and an on-line enquiry service. Our intranet pages contains a lot of helpful information and we recommend that you look at the information available:

<https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/student/international/Index.aspx>

Our Offices are on the 3rd Floor, University Centre and our Office opening hours are:

Monday	09:00-17:00
Tuesday	09:00-17:00
Wednesday	11:00-17:00
Thursday	09:00-17:00
Friday	09:00-17:00
Telephone:	+44 (0) 121 414 8464

WELCOME

Welcome to the newsletter from the International Student Team (IST) at the University of Birmingham.

We hope that you are settling in well to University life and that you are enjoying your time with us so far.

In our monthly newsletter, we aim to provide you with updates, news and items of interest to keep you informed of activity on campus, immigration updates, and University services.

In this issue:

- Welcome!
- Your visa
- Immigration news
- Workshops
- Introduction to IST

Got a question? Visit www.studenthelp.bham.ac.uk to view our extensive range of 1000+ FAQs to help you answer your query, or log a query online where it will be answered by the best-placed team to deal with your request.

Your Visa

Do you need to extend your Tier 4 visa?

The IST provides information to help you prepare your documents. We provide workshops where we can guide you through the process and have your documents checked at the same time.

Information and preparing your documents:

<https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/student/international/current/tier-4-General-Student-Visa/how-to-extend-your-Tier-4-General-Student-Visa-in-the-UK.aspx>

Booking onto workshops:

<https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/student/international/newsevents/workshops.aspx>

You should start this process as early as possible - we recommend that you start preparing three months before your visa expires.

Police Registration

We sympathise with you that it is very difficult to get an appointment with the Police however, they are very busy and early appointments get booked very quickly. Our advice to you is:

- You must persevere with trying to get an appointment as you need to have your police registration, so, keep trying;
- Alternatively, the University Police Officer is based in University Centre (in the food halls near to Spar) and if you go there they may be able to help you.

To create an account and book an appointment go to the Police Registration link at:

www.west-midlands.police.uk/services/overseas-visitor-registration

Workshops

We deliver workshops where you can come and find out more information, ask questions of an advisor and workshops for your document checks. You can book onto the following workshops:

Extending your visa – Date: 13/11/2019 – (14:00 – 15:00) **Location:** Law LT3 (116)

<https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/student/international/newsevents/workshops.aspx>

How to apply for Tier 4(DES) – Date: 13/11/2019 – (13:00-14:00) - **Location:** Law LT3 (116)

<https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/student/international/newsevents/workshops.aspx>

IST Document checking session– Date: 20/11/2019 – (13:00-15:00) - **Location:** University Centre Second Floor- (R23 on map)

<https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/student/international/newsevents/workshops.aspx>

Making an online application– Date: 13/11/2019 – (15:00-16:00)

<https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/student/international/newsevents/workshops.aspx>

Immigration updates

Graduate Visa (Post Study Work)

You may be aware that the UK Home Office has announced plans to offer a two year visa after your studies and will allow you to work in the UK for up to two years.

At this moment in time the information on this is limited but we expect that it will be available from 2021 to any students who graduate in 2021 onwards.

Graduating in December 2019?



Congratulations! Hats off to you! If your congregations ceremony is in December you may have questions about visas and visitors:
I am outside the UK and want to return to attend my graduation ceremony:

Where can I get a letter confirming my Graduation Ceremony?

Letters about your graduation come from a University Service called 'Funding, Graduation and Awards' and their link is at:

Graduation information:

<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/graduation/index.aspx>

What visa do I need?

You and your visitors can attend your graduation ceremony by applying for a Standard Visitor Visa.

UKVI Standard Visitor Visa:

<https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa>

I am inside the UK and my Tier 4 visa expires before my Graduation ceremony – what visa should I apply for?

You cannot extend your Tier 4 visa to attend your graduation ceremony as a Tier 4 (General) student visa is for individuals who are currently studying.

If your visa is due to expire before your graduation ceremony you will have to leave the UK and return/enter the UK with a/as a standard visitor visa.

UKVI Standard Visitor Visa:

<https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa>

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