



UNIVERSITY OF
CHICHESTER

GRADUATE ROUTE VISA SESSION

| Chichester International Advice |

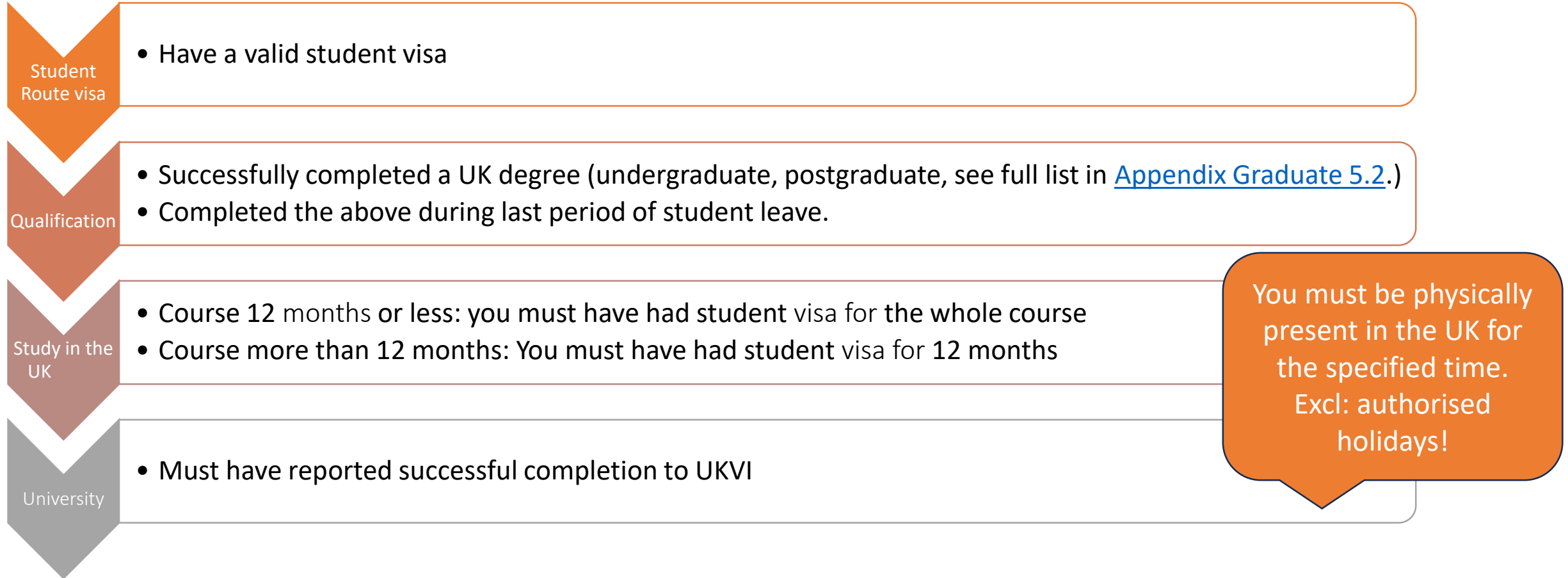


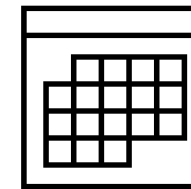
How long can I stay in the UK under the Graduate Route?

Undergraduate degree	2 years
Master's degree	2 years
PhD degree	3 years

Graduate Route Eligibility

On the date of the GR application, you must.....





Application timeline

1. Complete your degree successfully before your visa expires
2. Wait for the Board of Examiners meeting where degree outcomes are confirmed.
3. Receive an email from Academic Registry confirming that we have reported your successful completion to the UKVI.
4. Apply online (in the UK)
5. Pay the fees: £822 & £2892 for NHS surcharge (2024 fees)
6. Stay in the UK until your visa is granted – even if your student visa expires while you are waiting for a decision, you can stay in the UK legally (Section 3 C Leave)

Documents you need

Scan these documents using the UK Immigration ID app (see instructions [here](#))



Passport (SCAN)



Evisa

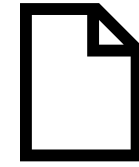


You don't need to show evidence of having money.



You will not need any paperwork to prove your qualification.

Successful completion reporting



Successful completion is confirmed at a Board of Examiners (BOE) meeting.

Academic Registry will email you asap after the relevant BOE meeting.

You do not need to contact us to ask us to do this.

Do not apply before you receive an email from registry!

Exception: Postgraduate students

If your programme ends around October/November, and your visa is not valid until the next BOE meeting (usually in March), you should contact us, so that we can arrange an earlier marking and a "chair's action" to allow you to apply for your GR visa before your student visa expires.



Working while waiting for your GR visa to be granted



You can start a permanent full-time job after submitting your GR visa application.

But you must wait for a decision before you start self-employment or work as an entertainer.

Prohibited activities on the GR visa:

- Work as a professional sportsperson, including sports coaching.



What type of work can I do on a GR visa?

Employment and [self-employment](#) are permitted.

Once you have your GR visa you can work flexibly, switch jobs and develop your career as required. Any skill and salary level is permitted.

You **cannot** work as a professional sports person including sports coaching or as a doctor or dentist in training.



Is study permitted on GR visa?

You cannot study on a course that could be undertaken as a student on a Student Route visa.

You can study at an institution that is not a student visa sponsor, or study part-time on an undergraduate course or take part in recreational courses.

Returning to studies?

If switching to student visa in the UK.

You must have received your Student Visa before you can start your studies.

Can dependants apply?



YES!

But only if you were allowed to bring dependants during your Student Route permission and the dependants are in the UK when you submit your GR application.



Remaining eligible

1. You will need to successfully complete your whole degree before your student visa expires.

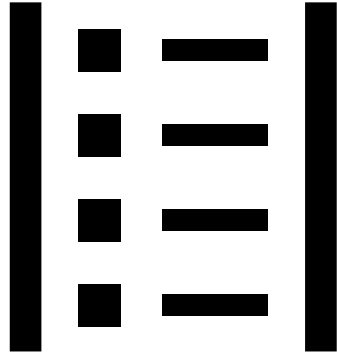
2. If reassessments take place after your visa expires, and you do not need to be in the UK, you will not be eligible for GR visa.

3. You must be in the UK for your studies (course less than 12 months = whole course; course 12 months+ = last 12 months of your course) .

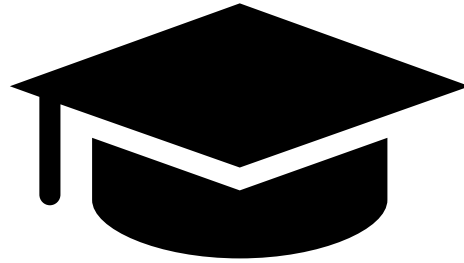
Useful to know...

- This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. You can only use this option once, so think about whether you do it after your undergraduate degree or postgraduate degree.
- Time spent on a GR visa does not count towards settlement (indefinite leave to remain). It nullifies all the time you have had a UK visa (for ILR purposes)
- GR visa is not the only option available to international graduates.

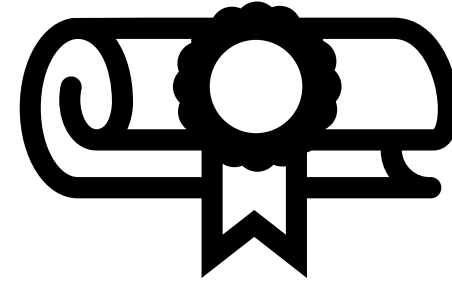
Skilled Route visa



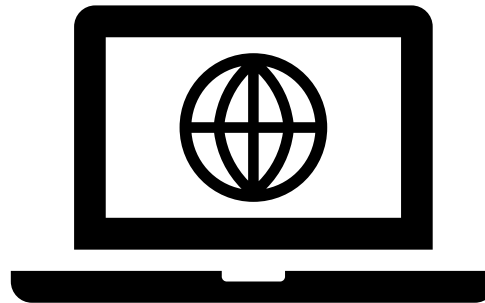
This immigration route requires you to have a sponsorship by a licensed employer to do a specific job that meets minimum levels of skills and salary.



As someone switching from student visa to Skilled work visa you may benefit from the new entrant concession – see more on the [UKCISA website](#).

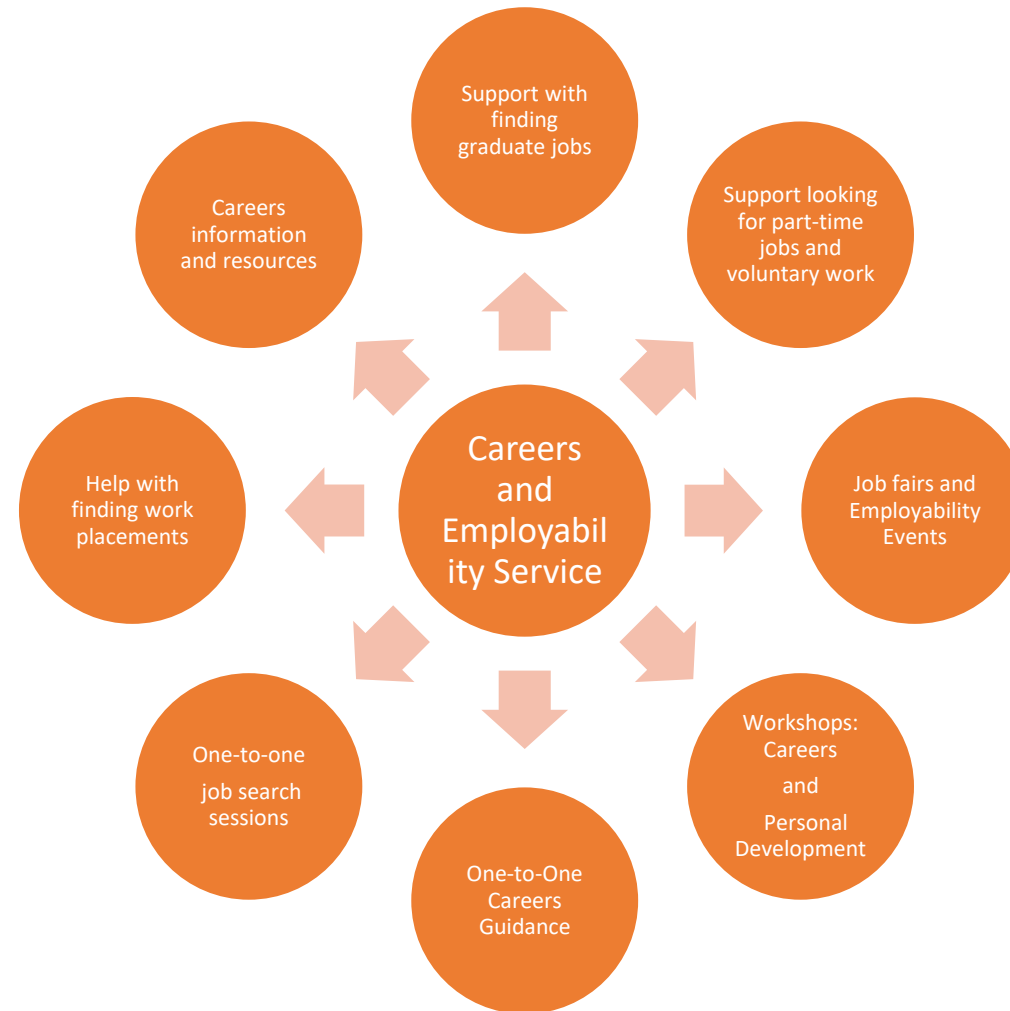


You will need to have successfully completed your studies before you can switch to this visa route.



See more on the [UKCISA website](#).

Who can I contact about finding work?



Visit or email the Careers and Employability team.
Careers@chi.ac.uk

Useful Websites

- [UKCISA Graduate Route webinar](#)
- [The department of Education – Graduate Employment and Skills Guide](#)
- [Graduate Route Caseworker guidance](#)
- [University of Chichester – Graduate Route FAQs](#)
- [UKCISA – International Student Employability Group](#)
- [UKCISA – Experiencing the Graduate Route](#)
- [UK Home Office Graduate Route Guide](#)
- [UK Council for International Student Affairs \(UKCISA\) – working after studying](#)
- [Study UK Graduate Route information](#)
- [UK Home Office – Skilled Route information](#)
- [Graduate Route employer information](#)
- [Ofs Employment and Skills guide](#)

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Prepare for Academic Study	Sue Lavender	Friday 13 September at 13:00-13:30 UK time
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