

Information for Tier 4 students considering going on placement in the future

If you are an undergraduate or postgraduate taught student studying on a course that has a placement route, recent changes to the immigration rules could affect you. The table below shows the different situations that might apply to you and, if so, what you need to do:

	Placement type	Your current course and visa length	Date your current visa started	What you need to do*	Why you need to do this
1	You are studying on a course that has a mandatory placement that is an assessed and integral part of your course.	Your visa covers the full duration of the course and the placement year.	Not relevant.	No action required.	Not relevant.
2	You originally applied to study on a course that included a mandatory placement but you have changed your mind and decided not to complete the placement or you were unable to obtain a placement.	Your visa will last for longer than your current course and you will potentially complete your course early.	Not relevant.	You should contact your School Office and arrange to transfer to the non-placement version of the programme. The University will then report your change in circumstance to the Home Office who will shorten the length of your visa as appropriate.	The University is required to ensure your immigration record is accurate and up to date with the Home Office. As your course has changed length, your visa needs to change length to reflect this. It is also important that your visa is shortened if required because you have a limited amount of time to study at each academic level.
3	You originally applied to study on a course	If you transfer to a placement version of	On or after 6 th April 2016.	You should contact your School Office and	You need to apply for a new visa as your current

	<p>without a placement. However, you are now considering changing to the version of the course that includes a placement.</p>	<p>the programme, your current visa will not be long enough and you will need to extend it.</p>		<p>discuss transferring to the placement version of the programme.</p> <p>Before you can transfer to the placement version of your programme, you must apply for a new visa. You can apply for this visa inside the UK but you must apply for this visa extension no more than three months before your placement.</p>	<p>visa does not cover the duration of your course.</p> <p>As you are completing a 'course transfer', you must therefore make a new Tier 4 application before changing course.</p>
			<p>Prior to 6th April 2016.</p>	<p>You should contact your School Office and discuss transferring to the placement version of the programme.</p> <p>You can apply for this visa inside the UK but you must apply for this visa extension no more than three months before your placement or three months before your visa expiry date.</p>	<p>You need to apply for a new visa as your current visa does not cover the duration of your course.</p>

*Assumes that you are within the current time limit for your level of study. If you are unsure if this is the case, please contact the [Home Office Compliance team](#).

Further information

If you need to make a new Tier 4 visa application before starting your placement, you should look at the [information available on our webpages](#) and [apply for a new CAS](#).

If you have any further questions, or would like to discuss your individual situation with a member of the Home Office Compliance team, please get in contact using the details below.

Contact details

Contact the University of Salford Home Office Compliance Team:

- Telephone: 0161 295 0023 (option 3, option 2)
- Email: homeofficecompliance@salford.ac.uk
- In person: Same day appointments available in University House – bookable at the AskUS desk.

Important note: Whilst this information is correct on the date of publication, UKVI have the right to change the immigration rules as they see fit and this can be done at very short notice. You should therefore always seek up to date immigration advice and consult the [immigration rules](#) as required.