



# QAHE Limited Dissertation from Home Country Policy

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## 1. Introduction

The normal expectation is that students will complete their dissertation at the campus where they are registered. However, in exceptional circumstances, students may request authorisation to complete their dissertation from their home country without returning to the UK.

If this request is approved, the student will be granted an authorised absence on the condition that they will not return to the UK. In such cases, the University is legally required to withdraw its sponsorship of the student's visa.

This policy is intended to support international students who are unable to remain in the UK but wish to complete their programme of study remotely through dissertation supervision.

This option should only be considered in exceptional circumstances, such as:

- When a student has been required to return overseas due to exceptional circumstances. (ex: medical emergency of a family member)
- When there is insufficient time remaining on the student's visa to complete the dissertation or project

## 2. Eligibility

- Students must have successfully passed all required modules before submitting a request to complete the dissertation remotely.
- Students must demonstrate the ability to maintain regular communication with their Dissertation Supervisor throughout the dissertation period.

## 3. Approval

The Compliance Team will seek approval from the relevant Course Director before authorising a student to complete their programme from overseas. The Course Director must confirm that the student can complete the required module remotely, has access to all necessary academic resources, and will receive adequate pastoral support prior to approving the request.

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## 4. Visa and Immigration Compliance

- Students must acknowledge that the University will withdraw the Student visa sponsorship once the request to complete the dissertation from their home country is approved, as the visa is granted for full-time study in the UK.
- Students are required to provide evidence of departure from the UK prior to visa expiry (e.g., passport re-entry stamp or boarding pass). Failure to provide this evidence may result in immediate withdrawal from the programme and termination of supervision.
- Students must confirm that they understand they are ineligible for the Graduate Route visa and do not intend to apply.



- Students must also confirm that they do not intend to return to the UK for the remainder of their current visa period.

