



# QAHE Limited Graduate Route Reporting Process

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## 1. Introduction

The Graduate Route visa is a post-study work visa available to international students who wish to remain in the UK after completing their studies. This policy provides guidance on eligibility and key conditions for applying for the Graduate Route visa.

## 2. Scope

This policy applies to all international students who have completed a qualifying course in the UK under a Student visa and are considering applying for the Graduate Route visa.

## 3. Eligibility Criteria

A student can apply for a Graduate Route visa if all the following conditions are met:

- The student is currently in the UK.
- The student's current visa is a student visa.
- The student has studied a UK bachelor's degree or postgraduate degree under their student visa.
- The student has successfully completed the course at degree level, as stated on their Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS).

## 4. Duration of stay

Successful applicants will be granted permission to remain in the UK for at least two years after completing their course.

### Important Notes

Students who complete their dissertation remotely from outside the UK will not meet the eligibility requirements for the Graduate Route visa.

Applications must be submitted before the student visa expires.

## 5. Responsibility



This section outlines the responsibilities of the QAHE Compliance Team in relation to the Graduate Route visa and the reporting obligations to the Home Office.

This applies to all students completing a course under the student visa who may be eligible for the Graduate Route visa.

The Graduate Route places a responsibility on the institution to report a student's eligibility to the Home Office. The University can only make this report once:

- All grades have been finalized.
- The student has successfully completed their course.

### Compliance Team Duties

The Compliance Team must confirm the following before reporting eligibility:

- The student has successfully completed their course of study during their last grant of permission under the student route.
- The qualification awarded is a UK bachelor's degree, UK postgraduate degree, or another "relevant qualification."
- The student held permission as a student for the relevant period of study.

Once these checks are complete, the Compliance Team will contact the student to confirm that their successful completion has been reported to the Home Office.

### Student Responsibility

Students must not submit their immigration application for the Graduate Route visa until:

- The Compliance Team has made the report to the Home Office.
- The Compliance Team has confirmed the student's eligibility.

