

For up to date information on changes to the UK student immigration system, please visit the UK Border Agency (UKBA) website at [www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk)

Scotland has 20 world class institutions to choose from\*, for additional information on Scotland's universities and specialist institutions please follow the following links:

University of Aberdeen  
[www.abdn.ac.uk](http://www.abdn.ac.uk)

University of Abertay Dundee  
[www.abertay.ac.uk](http://www.abertay.ac.uk)

University of Dundee  
[www.dundee.ac.uk](http://www.dundee.ac.uk)

University of Edinburgh  
[www.ed.ac.uk](http://www.ed.ac.uk)

Edinburgh College of Art  
[www.eca.ac.uk](http://www.eca.ac.uk)

Edinburgh Napier University  
[www.napier.ac.uk](http://www.napier.ac.uk)

University of Glasgow  
[www.glasgow.ac.uk](http://www.glasgow.ac.uk)

Glasgow Caledonian University  
[www.gcu.ac.uk](http://www.gcu.ac.uk)

The Glasgow School of Art  
[www.gsa.ac.uk](http://www.gsa.ac.uk)

Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh  
[www.hw.ac.uk](http://www.hw.ac.uk)

University of the Highlands and Islands  
[www.uhi.ac.uk](http://www.uhi.ac.uk)

Open University in Scotland  
[www.open.ac.uk](http://www.open.ac.uk)

Queen Margaret University  
[www.qmu.ac.uk](http://www.qmu.ac.uk)

Robert Gordon University  
[www.rgu.ac.uk](http://www.rgu.ac.uk)

Royal Conservatoire of Scotland  
*(known as the Royal Scottish Academy of Music & Drama until 1st September 2011)*  
[www.rcs.ac.uk](http://www.rcs.ac.uk)

Scottish Agricultural College (SAC)  
[www.sac.ac.uk](http://www.sac.ac.uk)

University of St Andrews  
[www.st-andrews.ac.uk](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk)

University of Stirling  
[www.stir.ac.uk](http://www.stir.ac.uk)

University of Strathclyde  
[www.strath.ac.uk](http://www.strath.ac.uk)

University of the West of Scotland  
[www.uws.ac.uk](http://www.uws.ac.uk)

\* Edinburgh College of Art to merge with the University of Edinburgh in August 2011.



## UK student visas:

A pledge of support for international students studying in Scotland.

Universities  
Scotland



**Going to a different country to study can be daunting, but you'll find an especially warm welcome in Scotland.**

We enjoy sharing our unique and vibrant culture as well as our passion for world-leading research and teaching expertise. We're immensely proud of our family of international scholars and alumni, many of whom maintain their links with Scotland long after their formal studies have ended.



Following the April 2011 changes to British visa regulations, the UK Border Agency (UKBA) continues to recognise Scotland's world-leading universities as top-ranked institutions, granting all of Scotland's universities and specialist institutions 'Highly Trusted Sponsor' status.

This status guarantees that:

- International students at Scottish universities are permitted to work 20 hours part-time during their studies and full-time during vacations.
- Postgraduate students taking courses longer than 12 months and government sponsored students taking courses longer than six months are permitted to bring family members with them to Scotland. Family members are permitted to work and have unrestricted access to the UK labour market.
- Students are permitted to remain in the UK for four months after they have completed their studies. Students who are offered a graduate-level job, with an annual salary of £20,000 or more, are able to apply for a UK work visa. Many businesses can sponsor work visa applications.
- International graduates who wish to start their own businesses in the UK will be able to apply for a new student entrepreneur's visa.

## Our commitment to international students

International students choosing to study in Scotland can be assured that Scotland's universities will offer you expert support and advice with the visa process, as well as an unparalleled student experience.

We are committed to the following:

- All students from outside Europe who have been accepted to study at a Scottish university or specialist institutions will receive up-to-date information and advice to enable them to make a visa application in Scotland.
- International students will receive help settling into life in Scotland including advice on accommodation, banking, academic and personal issues. We also provide a diverse range of exciting social and cultural opportunities.
- Detailed information is available to clarify international students' right to work while they study in Scotland.
- International students who graduate from a Scottish university or specialist institutions will receive guidance in their career search – either in the UK or elsewhere in the world – from our university careers services.
- In Scotland the Relocation Advisory Service (RAS) provides information and advice (free of charge) to students wishing to stay in Scotland and seek work. Please go to [www.talentscotland.com](http://www.talentscotland.com) for details of all the support available.