

Course change Factsheet

Why do course changes have to be reviewed by the Compliance Team?

- Changes to study may affect a student's immigration permission to be in the UK.
- Any changes to study must be reported to the UKVI within ten working days.
- Course changes must meet the academic progression rules in the Student Route guidance.
- Any changes in end date may affect whether a student must leave the UK to re-apply for their Student Route visa.
- Any changes of location to our London campus within the first 12 months of your studies requires evidence of the necessary maintenance funds for London courses.

What if there is no change in course end date?

If a student wishes to change course and they can still complete their studies within the validity of their current visa, they can change course provided:

- The student provides a valid personal statement detailing why they wish to change course.
- The new course is at the same level as their current course.
- They have not previously studied another course in the UK on a Student Route visa.

However, if you require a change of location to our ARU London Campus within the first 12 months of your studies, you must demonstrate that you have the necessary maintenance funds for our London courses, held in an account for at least 28 consecutive days.

What if the student loses eligibility to the Graduate Route?

The Home Office introduced the Graduate route ("post-study work") visa, that will allow students to stay and work in the UK after successfully completing their studies. Currently, according to the policy, to be eligible for this visa, you must have the completed degree within the period of your current student permission and for the same course that your CAS was assigned. Therefore, if a student changes their course to something different from what the CAS was assigned for, it is possible that they may not be eligible for the Graduate Route.

Therefore, course changes can only be agreed on an exceptional basis.

What if the new course ends before their current course?

If the new course ends **before** the students' current permission to stay expires the student should contact an International Student Adviser for advice on how to report this to the UKVI. As the student's sponsor, we will also be required to report the change in end date to the UKVI. This will mean the student will have less time on their visa as it will be shortened to reflect the new course end date.

When is the change reported to the UKVI?

- The Compliance Team must report this to the UKVI within ten working days of the change being processed.
- When the Compliance Team report the change of course to the UKVI they must be able to provide a statement to demonstrate that the academic progression rules have been met.

Please contact [the compliance team](#) about course changes!