

Graduate visa route – information for employers

The **Graduate** visa route launches in Summer 2021. This new visa route allows international students who have successfully completed their studies at LBS to stay and work in the UK for 2 years without requiring sponsorship.

What are the requirements for students?

- They must have a valid Tier 4 (or Student route) visa at the time of applying
 - They must have successfully completed their LBS degree
 - They must not have previously held a Graduate visa
 - They must be on an eligible programme where study took place in the UK
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| ○ MBA | ○ Masters in Analytics and Management | ○ Masters in Management |
| ○ Masters in Financial Analysis | ○ Masters in Finance (part and full-time) | ○ Executive MBA (London) |
| ○ Sloan Masters | | |

What are the requirements for employers?

- You should check the student is eligible to apply for the Graduate visa
- Before they start work, you must check the student has an approved Graduate visa
- You are not required to sponsor the student
- You are not required to pay the Immigration Skills Charge

What are the longer-term options?

- The Graduate visa is valid for 2 years
- At any time during the 2 years, LBS graduates can switch to Skilled Worker visas
- LBS graduates meet all requirements under the new Points-Based Skilled Worker category.
- Skilled Workers need 70 points under the new route. Receiving a job offer provides 50 points. As LBS students are considered new entrants, this provides the additional 20 points required.
- You can sponsor them under the Skilled Worker route for 5 years; they can then apply to stay in the UK without further sponsorship.
- You will need to pay the Immigration Skills Charge for each year of sponsored employment.