



International Student Support

Dear all,

We have produced this newsletter to provide you with information and advice which we hope you will find helpful as an international student at NTU. Please see below for information on:

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Scams targeting international students:

Some criminals specifically target international students, telephoning them and pretending to be from a legitimate organisation (such as the UK Home Office or the student's country's embassy). They demand money (calling it a "fine" for a non-existent immigration problem) and claim that if you do not pay them quickly, you may be deported or your visa may be cancelled.

Please note that UK Visas and Immigration do not contact students via telephone asking for payments. If UK Visas and Immigration do need to speak with a student, they will either write directly to the student themselves or to their Tier 4 Sponsor.

If you do receive a call like this, please hang up and report it to the University and the police.

- **Do not** give out any personal information, or confirm that any personal information they have is correct.
- **Do not** pay them any money.

Useful information:

- Find information on [frauds, tricks and scams](#) from UK Visas and Immigration
- [UKCISA](#) - the UK Council for International Student Affairs
- [ActionFraud](#) - the UK's national fraud and cyber crime reporting centre

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Exam stress resources:

We know exams and assessments can be a stressful time, which is why the University is running the Stamp Out Stress (SOS) campaign. The campaign provides support, advice and activities to help you Stamp Out Stress.

To find out more about this campaign, as well as SOS top tips, please visit:

http://www4.ntu.ac.uk/student_services/study_support/exam_stress/index.html

Changing courses / completing your studies early:

Changes to your course can affect your Tier 4 visa – for example, you may need to apply for a visa extension if you have switched from a full-time to a sandwich course, or your visa may be curtailed if you finish your course earlier than planned.

For more information about course changes and the impact they can have on your tier 4 visa, please check:

https://www4.ntu.ac.uk/student_services/international_students/visas_and_immigration/applying/index.html

Please note that if you complete your studies earlier than planned (for example because you did not complete a work placement which you had originally planned to do), this will affect your ability to use your tier 4 visa to travel back to the UK once your studies have ended. Before making any travel plans, you are advised to speak to the International Student Support Team for advice on how this will affect your visa and whether you will need to apply for a different visa to travel back to the UK.

Working in the UK after your studies:

If you are thinking of working in the UK after your studies, make sure you check the [Employability website](#). From job hunting websites to information about visas and dedicated events, you will find a wide range of resources to help you look for work and understand the visa options and requirements.

Applying for a National Insurance (NI) number:

If you plan to take a part-time job during the summer and you do not have an NI number, you will need to apply for one. You need to contact the National Insurance Number application line by phone: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-national-insurance-number>

It is likely that you will be asked to attend an interview as part of the application process.

Please note that we have been advised that there are currently long delays for the interviews.

However, it is possible to start working without an NI number and to provide this to the employer at a later stage.

Your BRP:

Just like your passport, your BRP card is a very important document and you need to make sure you keep it safe. If you lose it, you will be required to apply for a replacement, which is expensive and time consuming. You are advised not to carry your BRP around with you unless you need it, for example if you are travelling outside the country or showing it to an employer. We would like to remind students that **you do not need to routinely carry ID with you in the UK**. You will need to carry your BRP with you if you are travelling outside of the UK as you will need to show it at the UK border control when you return to the UK. If you lose your BRP, please refer to [our guidance](#) for advice on how to replace it and the deadlines for doing this. Please also remember you will be required to bring your new BRP to the Student Services Centre (Newton Building, City Campus) so your student record can be updated.

Travelling outside of the UK during the summer vacation:

If you are planning to travel to another country during the summer break, make sure you check now if you are required to get a visa for that country, and don't delay making your visa application. If you are planning to travel to Europe, you may need to apply for a Schengen visa – please see our website for more information:

http://www4.ntu.ac.uk/student_services/document_uploads/119600.pdf

For other destinations, please check the country's embassy website for information on how to apply for a visitor/tourist visa.

Make sure you carry evidence of your student status (enrolment letter) in case it is required when you arrive back in the UK, and look after your passport and BRP while you are away – if you lose them, it will be very costly, stressful and time consuming to replace them.

Support for students affected by world events:

When events take place back home, it can be hard for international students who are far away from home to deal with these situations. Student Support Services can provide you with wellbeing and practical support if you have been affected by events back home. Please do get in touch with us if you would like to discuss this further: int.support@ntu.ac.uk

Support for international students during the summer vacation:

The International Student Support Service is available throughout the year, including during the summer vacation. If you need any advice during the summer months, please get in touch by phone, e-mail or in person, and we will be here to help you!

If you have any further queries about the above issues, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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