News Item regarding Post Study Work visas

• On 11 September 2019 the UK Government announced the creation of a new graduate immigration route.

• The graduate route will provide an opportunity for international students who have been awarded their degree to stay and work in the UK at any skill level for two years. Graduates will also be able to switch into skilled work once they have found a suitable job.

• The graduate immigration route will be open to international students who have completed a degree at undergraduate level or above at an institution with a track record of compliance with the Home Office’s immigration rules. Successful applicants on this route will be able to stay and work, or look for work, in the UK for a maximum period of two years.

• It is expected that students graduating in the summer of 2020-21 academic year and after will be eligible for this route.

• The visa will be two years long and would be a separate visa, requiring a new application (including payment of a visa fee) and payment of the Immigration Health Surcharge. The exact visa fee will be set out in due course.

• The route is non-extendable and does not count towards settlement. However, graduates who find an appropriate job and meet the requirements will be able to switch into skilled work, which is a route to settlement.

• Those who graduate and whose leave expires before the route is introduced will not be eligible for it.

• We will update students via our website below when further details are released.

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