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INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS FROM OUTSIDE OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

Leeds Beckett University accepts and considers applications from people from outside of the European Economic Area (EEA). We currently have staff and students from over 100 different countries around the globe.

Following a review of the UK's immigration system in 2008, a new five tier Points Based System (PBS) was introduced. Students from outside of the EEA are able to undertake some work whilst studying (subject to restrictions, for example, number of hours permitted to work). Students from outside of the EEA **may not** be appointed to permanent, full time posts. Further information regarding employment and immigration can be found on the Gov.uk website <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration>. The following information relates to Tier 2 of the Points Based System.

Tier 2

Tier 2 (General) applies to people coming to the UK with a skilled job offer. This has replaced the previous work permit scheme. For skilled workers from outside of the EEA to be successful in their applications to enter or remain in the UK under Tier 2 (General), they must have a sponsor and a valid certificate of sponsorship. For our University to issue you with a Tier 2 Certificate of Sponsorship, certain conditions set by the Home Office need to be met, including in relation to the advertisement of the post, skill and salary level of the post and English language skills and maintenance requirements. In relation to the skill level requirement, most of our academic roles meet the Tier 2 requirement but generally our lower graded administration and support roles do not. The Home Office has also placed restrictions on the number of Tier 2 (General) certificates that our University is able to issue and we may be required to submit an application to the Home Office for a certificate of sponsorship prior to confirming or proceeding with an appointment.

The above information is for general guidance only – you are strongly advised to visit the Gov.uk website <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration> to gain the latest and more detailed information in relation to UK immigration rules.