

Tier 4 (Child) Students – 31.10.11 - 5.4.12
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245A. Documentary evidence

(a) Where Part 6A or Appendices A to C, or E of these Rules state that specified documents must be provided, that means documents specified by the Secretary of State in **either** the Points Based System Policy Guidance **or for applications for settlement the application form and accompanying guidance** as being specified documents for the route under which the applicant is applying. If the specified documents are not provided, the applicant will not meet the requirement for which the specified documents are required as evidence.

(b) If the Entry Clearance Officer or Secretary of State has reasonable cause to doubt the genuineness of any document submitted by an applicant which is, or which purports to be, a specified document under Part 6A or Appendices A to C, or E of these Rules and having taken reasonable steps to verify the document, is unable to verify that it is genuine, the document will be discounted for the purposes of this application.

(c) Where Part 6A or Appendices A to C, or E of these Rules refer to the United Kingdom Border Agency guidance, this means guidance published by the United Kingdom Border Agency for use by Sponsors or migrants to ensure compliance with these Rules. If the Sponsor or applicant does not satisfy the requirements set out in guidance and referred to in these Rules, the applicant will not meet the related requirement in these Rules.

245ZZ. Purpose of route

This route is for children at least 4 years old and under the age of 18 who wish to be educated in the UK.

245ZZA. Entry clearance

All migrants arriving in the UK and wishing to enter as a Tier 4 (Child) Student must have a valid entry clearance for entry under this route. If they do not have a valid entry clearance, entry will be refused.

Requirements:

- (a) The applicant must not fall for refusal under the general grounds for refusal.
- (b) The applicant must have a minimum of 30 points under paragraphs 121 to 126 of Appendix A.
- (c) The applicant must have a minimum of 10 points under paragraphs 15 to 22 of Appendix C.
- (d) The applicant must be at least 4 years old and under the age of 18.

- (e) The applicant must have no children under the age of 18 who are either living with the applicant or for whom the applicant is financially responsible.
- (f) If a foster carer or a relative (not a parent or guardian) of the applicant will be responsible for the care of the applicant:
 - (i) the arrangements for the care of the applicant by the foster carer or relative must meet the requirements laid down in guidance published by the United Kingdom Border Agency and the applicant must provide the specified documents to show that this requirement has been met, and
 - (ii) the applicant must provide details of the care arrangements as specified in guidance published by the United Kingdom Border Agency.
- (g) The application must be supported by the applicant's parents or legal guardian, or by just one parent if that parent has sole legal responsibility for the child.
- (h) The applicant's parents or legal guardian, or just one parent if that parent has sole responsibility for the child, must confirm that they consent to the arrangements for the applicant's travel to, and reception and care in, the UK.
- (i) If the applicant is currently being sponsored by a Government or international scholarship agency, or within the last 12 months has come to the end of such a period of sponsorship, the applicant must provide the written consent of the sponsoring Government or agency to the application and must provide the specified documents to show that this requirement has been met.

245ZZB. Period and conditions of grant

- (a) Where the applicant is under the age of 16, entry clearance will be granted for:
 - (i) a period of no more than 1 month before the course starts, plus
 - (ii) a period:
 - (1) requested by the applicant,
 - (2) equal to the length of the programme the applicant is following, or
 - (3) of 6 yearswhichever is the shorter, plus
 - (iii) 4 months.
- (b) Where the applicant is aged 16 or over, entry clearance will be granted for:
 - (i) a period of no more than 1 month before the course starts, plus
 - (ii) a period:
 - (1) requested by the applicant,
 - (2) equal to the length of the programme the applicant is following, or
 - (3) of 3 yearswhichever is the shorter, plus
 - (iii) 4 months.
- (c) Entry clearance will be granted subject to the following conditions:
 - (i) no recourse to public funds,
 - (ii) registration with the police, if this is required by paragraph 326 of these Rules,
 - (iii) no employment whilst the migrant is aged under 16,
 - (iv) no employment whilst the migrant is aged 16 or over except:
 - (1) employment during term time of no more than 10 hours per week,

- (2) employment (of any duration) during vacations,
- (3) employment as part of a course-related work placement which forms an assessed part of the applicant's course and provided that any period that the applicant spend on that placement does not exceed half of the total length of the course undertaken in the UK except where it is a United Kingdom statutory requirement that the placement should exceed half the total length of the course
- (4) employment as a Student Union Sabbatical Officer for up to 2 years provided the post is elective and is at the institution which is the applicant's Sponsor provided that the migrant is not self employed, or employed as a Doctor in Training, a professional sportsperson (including a sports coach) or an entertainer, and provided that the migrant's employment would not fill a permanent full time vacancy other than a vacancy as a sabbatical officer.
- (v) no study except:
 - (1) study at the institution that the Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies Checking Service records as the migrant's Sponsor, or where the migrant was awarded points for a visa letter, study at the institution which issued that visa letter unless the migrant is studying at an institution which is a partner institution of the migrant's sponsor,
 - (2) until such time as a decision is received from the UK Border Agency on an application which is supported by a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies assigned by a Highly Trusted Sponsor and which is made while the applicant has extant leave, and any appeal against that decision has been determined, study at the Highly Trusted Sponsor institution which the Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies Checking Service records as having assigned a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies to the Tier 4 migrant; and (3) supplementary study.

245ZZC. Requirements for leave to remain

To qualify for leave to remain as a Tier 4 (Child) Student under this rule, an applicant must meet the requirements listed below. If the applicant meets these requirements, leave to remain will be granted. If the applicant does not meet these requirements, leave to remain will be refused.

Requirements:

- (a) The applicant must not fall for refusal under the general grounds for refusal and must not be an illegal entrant.
- (b) The applicant must have, or have last been granted, entry clearance, leave to enter or leave to remain:
 - (i) as a Tier 4 Migrant,
 - (ii) as a Student, or
 - (iii) as a Prospective Student.

- (c) The applicant must have a minimum of 30 points under paragraphs 121 to 126 of Appendix A.
- (d) The applicant must have a minimum of 10 points under paragraphs 15 to 22 of Appendix C.
- (e) The applicant must be under the age of 18.
- (f) The applicant must have no children under the age of 18 who are either living with the applicant or for whom the applicant is financially responsible.
- (g) If a foster carer or a relative (not a parent or guardian) will be responsible for the care of the applicant:
 - (i) the arrangements for the care of the applicant by the foster carer or relative must meet the requirements laid down in guidance published by the United Kingdom Border Agency and the applicant must provide the specified documents to show that this requirement has been met, and
 - (ii) the applicant must provide details of the care arrangements as specified in guidance published by the United Kingdom Border Agency.
- (h) The application must be supported by the applicant's parents or legal guardian, or by just one parent if that parent has sole legal responsibility for the child.
- (i) The applicant's parents or legal guardian, or just one parent if that parent has sole legal responsibility for the child, must confirm that they consent to the arrangements for the applicant's care in the UK.
- (j) The applicant must not be applying for leave to remain for the purpose of studies which would commence more than one month after the applicant's current entry clearance or leave to remain granted under these Rules expires.
- (k) If the applicant is currently being sponsored by a Government or international scholarship agency, or within the last 12 months has come to the end of such a period of sponsorship, the applicant must provide the written consent of the sponsoring Government or agency to the application and must provide the specified documents to show that this requirement has been met.

245ZZD. Period and conditions of grant

- (a) Where the applicant is under the age of 16, leave to remain will be granted for:
 - (i) a period of no more than 1 month before the course starts, plus
 - (ii) a period:
 - (1) requested by the applicant,
 - (2) equal to the length of the programme the applicant is following, or
 - (3) of 6 yearswhichever is the shorter, plus
 - (iii) 4 months.
- (b) Where the applicant is aged 16 or over, leave to remain will be granted for:
 - (i) a period of no more than 1 month before the course starts, plus
 - (ii) a period:
 - (1) requested by the applicant,
 - (2) equal to the length of the programme the applicant is following, or
 - (3) of 3 years

whichever is the shorter, plus

(iii) 4 months.

(c) Leave to remain will be granted subject to the following conditions:

(i) no recourse to public funds,

(ii) registration with the police, if this is required by paragraph 326 of these Rules,

(iii) no employment whilst the migrant is aged under 16,

(iv) no employment whilst the migrant is aged 16 or over except:

(1) employment during term time of no more than 10 hours per week,

(2) employment (of any duration) during vacations,

(3) employment as part of a course-related work placement which forms an assessed part of the applicant's course, and provided that any period that the applicant spend on that placement does not exceed half of the total length of the course undertaken in the UK except where it is a United Kingdom statutory requirement that the placement should exceed half the total length of the course,

(4) employment as a Student Union Sabbatical Officer for up to 2 years provided the post is elective and is at the institution which is the applicant's Sponsor,

provided that the migrant is not self-employed, or employed as a Doctor in Training, a professional sportsperson (including a sports coach) or an entertainer, and provided that the migrant's employment would not fill a permanent full time vacancy other than a vacancy as a sabbatical officer.

(v) no study except:

(1) study at the institution that the Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies Checking Service records as the migrant's Sponsor, or where the migrant was awarded points for a visa letter, study at the institution which issued that visa letter unless the migrant is studying at an institution which is a partner institution of the migrant's sponsor,

(2) until such time as a decision is received from the UK Border Agency on an application which is supported by a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies assigned by a Highly Trusted Sponsor and which is made while the applicant has extant leave, and any appeal against that decision has been determined, study at the Highly Trusted Sponsor institution which the Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies Checking Service records as having assigned a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies to the Tier 4 migrant; and (3) supplementary study.

Appendix A

Attributes for Tier 4 (Child) Students

121. An applicant applying for entry clearance or leave to remain as a Tier 4 (Child) Student must score 30 points for attributes.

122. Available points are shown in Table 17 below.

123. Notes to accompany Table 17 appear below that table.

Table 17

Criterion	Points awarded
Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies	30

Notes

124. A Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies will be considered to be valid only if:

- (a) where the applicant is under 16, it was issued by an independent, fee paying school,
- (b) it was issued no more than 6 months before the application is made,
- (c) the application for entry clearance or leave to remain is made no more than 3 months before the start date of the course of study as stated on the Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies,
- (d) the Sponsor has not withdrawn the offer since the Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies was issued,
- (e) it was issued by an institution with a Tier 4 (Child) Student Sponsor Licence,
- (f) the institution must still hold such a licence at the time the application for entry clearance or leave to remain is determined, and
- (fa) the migrant must not previously have applied for entry clearance, leave to enter or leave to remain using the same Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies reference number, if that application was either approved or refused (not rejected as an invalid application or withdrawn), and
- (g) it contains such information as is specified as mandatory in guidance published by the United Kingdom Border Agency.

125. A Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies reference number will only be considered to be valid if:

- (a) the number supplied links to a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies Checking Service entry that names the applicant as the migrant and confirms that the Sponsor is sponsoring him in the Tier 4 category indicated by the migrant in his application for leave to remain (that is, as a Tier 4 (General) Student or a Tier 4 (Child) Student), and
- (b) that reference number must not have been withdrawn or cancelled by the Sponsor or the UK Border Agency since it was assigned.

125A. Points will only be awarded for a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies if the applicant:

- (a) supplies, as evidence of previous qualifications, specified documents that the applicant used to obtain the offer of a place on the course from the Sponsor, or

- (b) is sponsored by a Highly Trusted Sponsor, is a national of one of the countries **or the rightful holder of a qualifying passport issued by one of the relevant competent authorities, as appropriate** listed in Appendix H and is applying for entry clearance in his country of nationality **or in the territory related to the passport he holds, as appropriate** or leave to remain in the UK. The UK Border Agency reserves the right to request the specified documents from these applicants. The application will be refused if the specified documents are not provided in accordance with the request made.

126. Points will not be awarded under Table 17 unless the course that the student will be pursuing meets one of the following requirements:

- (a) be taught in accordance with the National Curriculum,
- (b) be taught in accordance with the National Qualification Framework (NQF),
- (c) be accepted as being of equivalent academic status to (a) or (b) above by Ofsted (England), the Education and Training Inspectorate (Northern Ireland), ~~Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education~~ **Education Scotland** (Scotland) or Estyn (Wales),
- (d) be provided as required by prevailing independent school education inspection standards.
- (e) is a single course of study, except where the Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies is:
 - (i) issued by an independent school to cover both a pre-sessional course and a course at an independent school; and
 - (ii) the applicant has an unconditional offer of a place at the independent school; and
 - (iii) the duration of the pre-sessional course and period of study at the independent school does not exceed the maximum period of entry clearance or leave to remain that can be granted under paragraphs 245ZZB and 245ZZD of the Immigration Rules.

Appendix C - Maintenance (funds)

1A. In all cases where an applicant is required to obtain points under Appendix C, the applicant must meet the requirements listed below:

- (a) The applicant must have the funds specified in the relevant part of Appendix C at the date of the application;
- (b) if the applicant is applying as a Tier 1 Migrant, a Tier 2 Migrant or a Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) Migrant, the applicant must have had the funds referred to in (a) above for a consecutive 90-day period of time, unless applying as a Tier 1 (Exceptional Talent) Migrant or a Tier 1 (Investor) Migrant;
- (c) if the applicant is applying as a Tier 4 Migrant, the applicant must have the funds referred to in (a) above for a consecutive 28-day period of time;
- (ca) if the applicant is applying for entry clearance or leave to remain as a Tier 4 Migrant, he must confirm that the funds referred to in (a) above are:
 - (i) available in the manner specified in paragraph 13 below for his use in studying and living in the UK; and
 - (ii) that the funds will remain available in the manner specified in paragraph 13 below unless used to pay for the course fees and living costs;
- (d) If the funds were obtained when the applicant was in the UK, the funds must have been obtained while the applicant had valid leave and was not acting in breach of any conditions attached to that leave;
- (e) The applicant must provide the specified documents.
- (f) Where the funds are in one or more foreign currencies, the applicant must have the specified level of funds when converted to pound sterling (£) using the spot exchange rate which appears on www.oanda.com* for the date of the application;
- (g) Where the applicant is applying as a Tier 1 Migrant, a Tier 2 Migrant or a Tier 5 Migrant, the funds must have been under his own control on the date of the application and for the period specified in (b) above; and
- (h) Where the application is made at the same time as applications by the partner or child of the applicant (such that the applicant is a Relevant Points Based System Migrant for the purposes of paragraph 319AA), each applicant must have the total requisite funds specified in the relevant parts of appendices C and E. If each applicant does not individually meet the requirements of appendices C and / or E, as appropriate, all the applications (the application by the Relevant Points Based System Migrant and applications as the partner or child of that relevant Points Based system Migrant) will be refused.
- (i) the end date of the 90-day and 28-day periods referred to in (b) and (c) above would be taken as the date of the closing balance on the most recent of the specified documents, and must be no earlier than 31 days before the date of application.

15. A Tier 4 (Child) Student must score 10 points for funds.

16. 10 points will only be awarded if the funds shown in the table below are available in the manner specified in paragraph 13 below to the applicant. The applicant must either:

- (a) provide the specified documents to show that the funds are available to him, or
- (b) where the applicant is sponsored by a Highly Trusted Sponsor, is a national of one of the countries **or the rightful holder of a qualifying passport issued by one of the**

relevant competent authorities, as appropriate, listed in Appendix H, and is applying for entry clearance in his country of nationality **or in the territory related to the passport he holds, as appropriate**, or leave to remain in the UK, confirmed that the funds are available to him in the specified manner. The UK Border Agency reserves the right to request the specified documents from these applicants to support this confirmation. The application will be refused if the specified documents are not provided in accordance with the request made.

Criterion	Points
<p>Where the child is (or will be) studying at a residential independent school: sufficient funds are available to the applicant to pay boarding fees (being course fees plus board/lodging fees) for an academic year.</p>	10
<p>Where the child is (or will be) studying at a non-residential independent school and is in a private foster care arrangement (see notes below) or staying with and cared for by a close relative (see notes below): sufficient funds are available to the applicant to pay school fees for an academic year, the foster carer or relative (who must meet such requirements as are specified in guidance published by the United Kingdom Border Agency) has undertaken to maintain and accommodate the child for the duration of the course, and that foster carer or relative has funds equivalent to at least £500 per month, for up to a maximum of nine months, to support the child while he is in the United Kingdom.</p>	10
<p>Where the child is (or will be) studying at a non-residential independent school, is under the age of 12 and is (or will be) accompanied by a parent, sufficient funds are available to the applicant to pay school fees for an academic year, plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ if no other children are accompanying the applicant and the parent, £1333 per month of stay up to a maximum of nine months; or ▪ if other children are accompanying the applicant and the parent, £1333 per month, plus £533 per month for each additional child, up to a maximum of nine months. 	10
<p>Where the child is aged 16 or 17 years old and is living independently and studying in inner London:</p> <p>i) Where the applicant does not have an established presence studying in the United Kingdom, the applicant must have funds amounting to the full course fees for the first academic year of the course, or for the entire course if it is less than a year long, plus £800 for each month of the course up to a maximum of nine months.</p> <p>ii) Where the applicant has an established presence studying in the United Kingdom, the applicant must have funds amounting to the course fees required either for the remaining academic year if the applicant is applying part-way through, or for the next academic year if the applicant will continue or commence a new course at the start of the next academic year, or for the entire course if it is less than a year long, plus £800 for each month of the course up to a maximum of two</p>	10

months.	
<p>Where the child is aged 16 or 17 years old, is living independently and studying in outer London or elsewhere in the United Kingdom:</p> <p>iii) Where the applicant does not have an established presence studying in the United Kingdom, the applicant must have funds amounting to the full course fees for the first academic year of the course, or for the entire course if it is less than a year long, plus £600 for each month of the course up to a maximum of nine months.</p> <p>iv) Where the applicant has an established presence studying in the United Kingdom, the applicant must have funds amounting to the course fees required either for the remaining academic year if the applicant is applying part-way through, or for the next academic year if the applicant will continue or commence a new course at the start of the next academic year, or for the entire course if it is less than a year long, plus £600 for each month of the course up to a maximum of two months.</p>	10

Notes

17. Children (under 16, or under 18 if disabled) are privately fostered when they are cared for on a full-time basis by a person or persons aged 18 or over, who are not their parents or a close relative, for a period of 28 days or more.

18. A close relative is a grandparent, brother, sister, step-parent, uncle (brother or half-brother of the child's parent) or aunt (sister or half-sister of the child's parent) who is aged 18 or over.

19. The care arrangement made for the child's care in the UK must comply with the requirements specified in guidance published by the United Kingdom Border Agency.

20. If the length of the applicant's course includes a part of a month, the time will be rounded up to the next full month.

21. Funds will be available to the applicant only where the specified documents show or, where permitted by these Rules, the applicant confirms that the funds are held or provided by:

- (i) the applicant (whether as a sole or joint account holder); and/or
- (ii) the applicant's parent(s) or legal guardian(s), and the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) have provided written consent that their funds may be used by the applicant in order to study in the UK; and/or
- (iii) an official financial sponsor which must be Her Majesty's Government, the applicant's home government, the British Council or any international organisation, international company, University or Independent school.

21A. No points will be awarded where the specified documents show that the funds are held in a financial institution with which the UK Border Agency is unable to make satisfactory verification checks. A list of financial institutions which do not satisfactorily verify financial statements is published on the UK Border Agency website.

22. An applicant will have an established presence studying in the UK if the applicant has current entry clearance, leave to enter or leave to remain as a Tier 4 migrant or Student and at the date of application:

(i) has finished a single course that was at least six months long within the applicant's last period of entry clearance, leave to enter or leave to remain, or

(ii) is applying for continued study on a single course where the applicant has completed at least six months of that course.

Appendix H – ~~Countries whose nationals~~ Applicants who are subject to different documentary requirements under Tier 4 of the Points Based system

An applicant will be subject to different documentary requirements under Tier 4 of the Points Based System where he is a national of one of the following countries and he is applying for entry clearance in his country of nationality or leave to remain in the UK:

Argentina

Australia

~~British national overseas~~

Brunei

Canada

Chile

Croatia

~~Hong Kong~~

Japan

New Zealand

Singapore

South Korea

~~Taiwan (those who hold a passport issued by Taiwan that includes the number of the identification card issued by the competent authority in Taiwan)~~

Trinidad and Tobago

United States of America

Where an applicant is a dual national, and only one of their nationalities is listed above, he will be able to apply using the different documentary requirements that apply to these nationals, provided he is applying either for entry clearance in his country of nationality listed above or for leave to remain in the UK.

An applicant will be subject to different documentary requirements under Tier 4 of the Points Based System where he is the rightful holder of one of the following passports, which has been issued by the relevant competent authority, and where he is applying for leave to remain in the UK or for entry clearance in the territory related to the passport he holds:

British National Overseas

Hong Kong

Taiwan (those who hold a passport issued by Taiwan that includes the number of the identification card issued by the competent authority in Taiwan)

Where an applicant is the rightful holder of a passport issued by a relevant competent authority listed above and also holds another passport or is the national of a country not listed above, he will be able to apply using the different documentary requirements that apply to rightful holders of those passports listed in this Appendix provided he is applying either for entry clearance in the territory related to the passport he holds or for leave to remain in the UK.

Amendments to paragraph 6

Under Part 6A and Appendix A of these Rules, “overseas higher education institution” means an institution which holds overseas accreditation confirmed by UK NARIC as offering degree programmes which are equivalent to UK degree level qualifications, and which teach no more than half of a degree programme in the UK as a study abroad programme.

Under Part 6A and Appendix A of these Rules, a “B-rated Sponsor” is a Sponsor which is recorded as being “B-rated” on the register of licensed Sponsors maintained by the United Kingdom Border Agency.

“Foundation degree” means a programme of study which leads to a qualification awarded by an English higher education institution with degree awarding powers which is at a minimum of level 5 on the revised National Qualifications Framework, or awarded on a directly equivalent basis in the devolved administrations.

A “UK recognised body” is an institution that has been granted degree awarding powers by either a Royal Charter, an Act of Parliament or the Privy Council. **For the purposes of these Rules we will consider the Foundation Programme Office and the Yorkshire and Humber Strategic Health Authority as equivalent to UK Recognised Bodies.**

A “UK listed body” is an institution that is not a UK recognised body but which provides full courses that lead to the award of a degree by a UK recognised body.

“Employment as a Doctor or Dentist in Training” means employment in a medical post or training programme which has been approved by the Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board, or employment in a postgraduate training programme in dentistry.

Under Part 6A of these Rules, “Highly Trusted Sponsor” means a sponsor which is recorded as being “Highly Trusted” on the register of licensed sponsors maintained by the United Kingdom Border Agency.

Under Part 6A and Appendix A of these Rules, “Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies” means a unique reference number electronically issued by a Sponsor via the Sponsor Management System to an applicant for entry clearance, leave to enter or remain as a Tier 4 Migrant in accordance with these Rules.

Under Part 6A of these Rules, “Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies Checking Service” means a computerised interface with the Points Based System computer database which allows a United Kingdom Border Agency caseworker or entry clearance officer assessing a migrant’s application for entry clearance, leave to enter or leave to remain as a Tier 4 migrant under these Rules to access and review details of the migrant’s Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies, including details of the migrant’s Sponsor, together with details of the course of study and other details associated with the circumstances in which the Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies was issued.

Under Part 6A of these Rules, “Sponsor” means the person or Government that the Certificate of Sponsorship Checking Service or Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies Checking Service records as the Sponsor for a Migrant.

“Prospective Student” means a migrant who is granted leave under paragraphs 82 to 87 of these Rules.

“Tier 4 (General) Student” means a migrant granted leave under paragraphs 245ZT to 245ZY of these Rules.”

“Tier 4 (Child) Student” means a migrant granted leave under paragraphs 245ZZ to 245ZZD of these Rules.

“Tier 4 Migrant” means a Tier 4 (General) Student or a Tier 4 (Child) Student.”

“Points Based System Migrant” means a migrant applying for granted leave as a Tier 1 Migrant, a Tier 2 Migrant, a Tier 4 Migrant or a Tier 5 Migrant.

“Degree level study” means a course which leads to a recognised United Kingdom degree at bachelor’s level or above, or an equivalent qualification at level 6 or above of the revised National Qualifications Framework, or levels 9 or above of the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework [Cm 6339 inserted this definition into paragraph 6 on 25.10.04]

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