

## INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS FROM OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND

Leeds Beckett University accepts and considers applications from people from outside of the United Kingdom and Ireland. We currently have staff and students from over 100 different countries around the globe.

Following a review of the UK's immigration system in 2020, new immigration rules have been introduced. Students arriving in the UK after 1 January 2021 who are from outside of the UK/Ireland can undertake some work whilst studying (subject to restrictions, for example, number of hours permitted to work), but **may not** be appointed to permanent, full time posts. Further information regarding employment and immigration (including the previous Tier 4 student rules) can be found on the Gov.uk website <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration>. The following information relates to the Skilled Worker immigration route (previously Tier 2 of the Points Based System).

### Skilled Worker immigration route

The Skilled Worker route applies to people coming to the UK after 1 January 2021 with a skilled job offer. This has replaced Tier 2 visas. To be successful in an application to enter or remain in the UK under the Skilled Worker route, you must have a sponsor and a valid Certificate of Sponsorship. For our University to issue you with a Certificate of Sponsorship, certain conditions set by the Home Office need to be met, including in relation to the skill and salary level of the post and English language knowledge. In relation to the skill level requirement, not all roles at the University will be eligible for sponsorship, but most of our academic/research roles do meet this requirement. The University does not reimburse any visa fees.

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.