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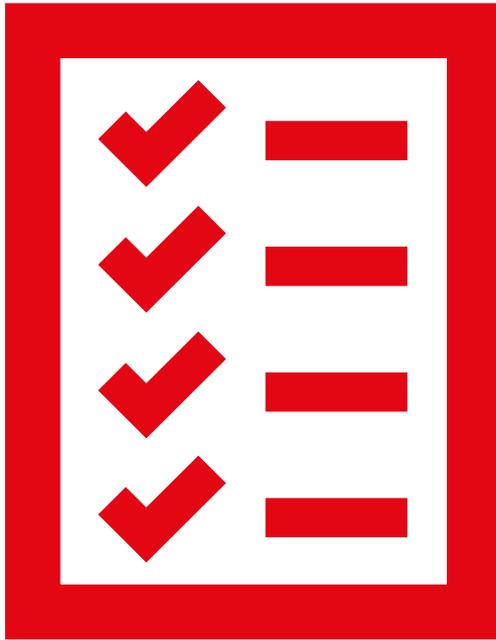QS STARS
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APPLYING TO SOLENT UNIVERSITY: THE NEW STUDENT IMMIGRATION ROUTE

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UKVI Compliance Roadshow

WHERE IN THE UK ARE WE?

- Located in the beautiful waterfront city of Southampton on the South Coast of England

- Main campus at East Park Terrace based in Southampton City centre

- Halls of residence a short 15- minute walk from East Park Terrace, based in city centre close to nightlife, shops, cafes and restaurants

- Southampton enjoys great transport links with London and the rest of the United Kingdom

- Only 70 mins from central London by direct train

ABOUT SOUTHAMPTON

➢ The largest city in the south-east outside of London

➢ Just over an hour from London

➢ Population of over **250,000** people

➢ Over **30,000** students

➢ **£1.6** billion of new city developments committed or underway

➢ **180+** pubs, bars, cafes and restaurants

➢ Historical city with rich heritage, city walls and world famous port

➢ City is ten minutes from Southampton International Airport

ABOUT SOLENT

- ❖ More than **11,000** students

- ❖ More than **200** courses

- ❖ Over **120** nationalities

- ❖ **£100m** campus investment

- ❖ Rated **five stars** by the QS World Rankings for teaching and inclusiveness

- ❖ In the **top 50** universities for graduate employment

- ❖ Ranked among **the top 25** universities in the UK for 'Student Voice', 'Academic Support' and 'Learning Community' (Source: National Student Survey (NSS) 2020)

- ❖ Four-star rated overall, with **five stars** for employability, facilities, inclusiveness, internationalisation and teaching (Source: QS World University Rankings, 2019)

TUITION FEES AND FUNDING

Tuition Fees for 2021/22:

Undergraduate:
£9,250 per year (EU students)
£13,800 per year (non EU/ Overseas)

Postgraduate:
Differs by course but between £7,600 and £10,600 (EU/Home students) or **£13,700 and £15,900 (non-EU)**

Scholarships are available and support packages for students can be requested. For more information on our Scholarships visit our website.

A complete list of funding options is available on our website

For EU students there is no change to their fees, they are still £9,250 per year if joining in 2021

WHO NEEDS A VISA?

- EU nationals who entered or were living in the UK before 31st December 2020 need to apply for the EU Settlement Scheme.

- EU Nationals who enter the UK on or after 1st January 2021 are subject to immigration controls and will require a visa to work, study and live in the UK.

NEW UK IMMIGRATION SYSTEM FOR STUDENTS

For courses of up to six months

- Students will require a Visitor visa, which allows them to enter the UK for up to six months.
- Visa will be issued at point of entry (UK border).
- Students do not receive any visa stamp/documentation, the six months start the day you enter the UK.

For courses six months or longer

- Students will need to apply for a long-term student visa under the new '**Student route**', which is part of the UK's Points Immigration System (previously known as Tier 4).
- Students need an educational sponsor to apply. We sponsor students who hold a Unconditional Offer who meet all visa requirements.
- Sponsorship is in the form of a CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Study).

THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND RECEIVING YOUR CAS

- **Solent assesses your application;**
  - Personal statement
  - Interview (if applicable)
  - Qualifications
  - English Language

Solent will make you an offer (conditional/unconditional)

- **Solent will assess your immigration status**
  - Do you need a visa to study in the UK (e.g did you enter before 31st December 2020 and hold Settlement Status)

Solent will issue CAS once all requirements are meet;
  - Hold a unconditional offer
  - Immigration and study limit check.
  - A deposit of £3000 is required before a CAS is issued (some exception for Government Loans).
  - Below degree level study will require a SELT (Secure English Language Test).

STUDENT VISA-POINTS BASED SYSTEM

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for a Student visa, you need to be able to score 70 points. Points are non-tradeable, which means you will need to meet all the requirements. You will be awarded points for meeting the requirements of the route as set out in the table below:

Points type	Requirements to be met	Number of points
Study	Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) requirement Course requirement Approved Qualification requirement Level of Study requirement Place of Study requirement	50
Financial	Financial requirement	10
English language	English language requirement	10

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

Differentiation agreement

Differential evidence requirement' *Evidence to show that the applicant meets the financial requirement and the requirement to provide documents used to obtain an offer does not need to be provided with the application (but may be required by the decision maker) .*

EU national submitting Student Visa application MUST PROVIDE*:
•Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS)
•Passport

* Applicants with criminal convictions will be required to provide all documents with visa application

OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED **(does not have to submit , but needs to be ready to present when asked)***

•Financial Evidence, must have enough money to pay for first year of course frees and support themselves: at £1,023* per month (for up to 9 months)
•Academic Qualifications
•Knowledge of English, (except are Ireland & Malta)
•Parental or other legal guardian consent if under 18
•Proof of your relationship to your parent or guardian if under 18, or if finances in parent's account
•Tuberculosis test results, if not exempt
•ATAS*, if course requires it and student is not exempt
•Translations of any documents that are not in English
• Written consent from student's financial sponsor
•Other

VISA APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Issued with CAS, has all required documents

2. Fill in visa application on GOV.UK, within 6 months from course start date if applying outside the UK

3. Provide Biometrics and documents:

3a. Biometric passport and smartphone with NFC is required to complete ID verification app: "UK Immigration: ID Check' app. https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-the-uk-immigration-id-check-app

Student will be granted a "secure digital status". Must travel with the same passport.

3b. If unable to do 3a, needs to attend Visa Application Centre to provide biometrics and documents

Student will be issued vignette in their passport and Biometric Residence Permit after arrival to the UK.

SECURE DIGITAL STATUS

Same location to prove UK residence status for those on EU Settlement Scheme and under the new student route

Student can:
- get a 'share code' to prove your status to others, for example employers
- update personal details, for example your passport number or email address
- check what rights student have in the UK, for example the right to work

Student will need:
- details of the identity document used when applied (your passport, national identity card, or biometric residence card or permit)
- your date of birth
- access to the mobile number or email address used when applied - will be sent a code for logging in

FEES AND TRAVEL

Fees involved in application:

- £348 to apply from outside the UK
- Immigration Health Surcharge, varied cost: £470 per year of visa

Travel window to the UK:

- up to 1 month before course start date, if your course lasts more than 6 months
- up to 1 week before course start date, if course lasts 6 months or less

Needs to enrol before the latest enrolment date, or CAS will be withdrawn

VISA CONDITIONS

Working in the UK

• up to 20 hours a week in term time if you are studying for a qualification at degree level (RQF level 6 or higher)

• up to 10 hours a week in term time if you are studying for a qualification below degree level

• full time (for study at all levels)

  • in vacations (term dates)

  • on work placements – approved part of the course

  • after your course has ended (after CAS end date)

• **Some restrictions on type of employment**

• **Sponsorship conditional on studying**

If a student withdraws, or is withdrawn from study, University will withdraw sponsorship and Home Office would cancel the studnt visa.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Useful information

- Solent website – visa and immigration page **https://www.solent.ac.uk/international/visas/visas-and-immigration**

- **EU Settlement Scheme Guidance**

- https://students.solent.ac.uk/student-hub/international-student-support/eu-settlement-scheme

- UKCISA website **https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/**

Contacts

- **Recruitment officers: tom.quante@solent.ac.uk**

WHAT NEXT?

Ways you can engage with Solent before you join us in September:

- Book a Virtual Open Day with Solent and speak to our industry professionals

- Explore our website; take a virtual tour, view our course videos and 'in your country' content.

- Book a 1-2-1 with the International Team. Email tom.quante@solent.ac.uk

- Submit an application; via your in-country representative/ partner school or via UCAS system.

- Stay in touch with Solent via Applicants' Facebook groups and International student webinars throughout 2021.

Thank you for listening- any questions?