

UKBA Policy Changes (April 2011) – A Quick Guide for International Students

	What's the current rule?	What's changing and when?	What do I need to know?
Post Study Work (PSW) Working in the UK at the end of your course	Students who successfully graduate from a HND programme before April 2012 are eligible to apply for a Post-Study Work VISA	From April 2012 the Tier 1 PSW route will be closed to new applicants. Therefore, HND students who graduate after April 2012 will not be able to apply for a PSW Visa	Students will be able to apply for a job with a UK Border Agency Licensed Tier 2 sponsor. Only students graduating with a UK Degree or Post Graduate qualification from a recognised or listed body can apply under Tier 2. Students must obtain a graduate level job with a minimum annual income of £20,000. For detailed information on the closing of the Post-Study Work route and the new Tier 2 policy, please visit: http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/news/sop4.pdf
Part Time Work Working in the UK while you study	HND: Students are permitted to work Part Time up to 20 hours/week during term time and full time during vacations NC/English Language/Access or Foundation Programmes (AF): Students are permitted to work Part Time up to 10 hours/week during term time and full time during vacations	HND: Students are now permitted to work Part Time Hours up to 10 hours / week during term time and full time during vacations NC/English Language/AF programmes: No changes	HND students can now only work 10 hours/week during term time and full time during vacations. This rule only applies to students who have made their VISA application after Summer 2011. Current HND students previously authorised to work 20 hours / week (according to their VISA) can continue to do so NC/English Language/AF programme students can continue to work 10 hours/week during term time and full time during vacations. For detailed information on the latest rules about part time working entitlements, please visit: http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/applicationforms/pbs/Tier4migrantguidance1.pdf
Dependants Bringing your family to the UK	Students studying a full time course lasting longer than 6 months can bring dependants	From summer 2011, international students will only be permitted to sponsor a dependant if they are studying at Post Graduate Level on a course lasting longer than 12 months. Their dependants will be able to work	Please note, from summer 2011, students will only be able to bring their dependant family members (limited to spouses/partners and children aged under 18) where the course is at least 12 months long and the student is either doing post-graduate level study at a higher education institution (NQF7/QCF7/SCQF 11 and above) or is Government sponsored. These dependants will have unrestricted access to the UK labour market. Remember Post Graduate Study is just around the corner if you complete one of the many discounted University-accredited Top-Up Degrees available at Edinburgh's Telford College with faster access and cheaper fees! For detailed information on the latest rules about dependants and their entitlements, please visit: http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/news/sop4.pdf
English Language requirements Secure English Language Testing to gain entry on to courses	HND: IELTS 5.5 or equivalent including Edinburgh's Telford College Internal English Language Test NC/AF Programmes: IELTS 5.0 or equivalent including Edinburgh's Telford College Internal English Language Test EFL: IELTS 3.5 EAP: IELTS 4.5 E+: IELTS 5.0	From April 2011, ALL students who wish to apply for study at Edinburgh's Telford College will have to take a Secure English Language Test (SELT) at a minimum of level B1 for NC/IFPU and B2 for HND level; or be a National of a Majority English Speaking Country Please note: the acceptable minimum score in any one aspect of the IELTS test (E.g. Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening) is 4.0	After 21 st April 2011, Edinburgh's Telford College will only accept students on to HND programmes if they have achieved IELTS 5.5 or an equivalent level Secure English Language Test (SELT). Students who wish to study NC or AF Programmes must have achieved IELTS level 5.0 or an equivalent level Secure English Language Test (SELT). Nationals of Majority English Speaking Countries will be exempt from Secure English Language Testing. For a full list of accepted SELTs please see: http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/applicationforms/new-approved-english-tests.pdf For a full list of Majority English Speaking Countries, please visit: http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/applicationforms/pbs/Tier4migrantguidance1.pdf