Visa extensions

On 22 May 2020 the Home Office extended their support for those students who have not been able to leave the UK and return to their home country due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Visa nationals currently residing in the UK will be able to extend their leave until 31 July 2020 if (i) their previous leave expired after 24 January 2020 and (ii) leaving the UK was not possible due to self-isolation or travel restrictions.

Please note if you have already had your visa extended to 31 May 2020, your visa will automatically be extended to 31 July 2020.

If your visa expires between 31 May 2020 to the 31 July 2020 you will need to complete the online form. Please ensure that you have your passport and current visa to hand when completing the form.

If your visa has expired after January 24 and you have not yet applied for this extension, please complete the online form following the instructions above.

You will be expected to leave the UK and return to your home country once it is safe and possible to do so.

The Home Office will respond within 5 working days to confirm the request has been approved and your visa has been extended. If you have any additional questions on this process, the Home Office has created a helpline to support those who may require an extension; 0800 678 1767.

International Student Support (ISS) is a team that helps international students with immigration queries through expert guidance and information. They are trained by the UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA) and are regulated by the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner (OISC).

You can contact International Student Support via Compass for additional support and guidance on your immigration status in the UK. This includes if you have an upcoming visa expiry beyond 31st July 2020, and therefore don't qualify for the above allowance, but still have questions regarding your immigration status.

For more information please visit the University of Sunderland's Covid-19 support webpages.

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