



## Agent Guidance for In-Country Applications (UKi)

This policy outlines the procedures for assessing applications from individuals who have previously studied in the UK and are applying to extend their visa or switch to the Student Visa Route

### UKVI Guidance

If you're currently studying in the UK, you'll usually need to show that your studies will be at a higher academic level than your current course.

Your new course must be one of the following:

- at a higher academic level than your current course
- at the same level and related to your previous course or career aspirations - it must be degree level or above at a Higher Education Provider (HEP)

### Demonstrating genuine credibility

LSBU will only issue a CAS for an Applicant to extend their visa in the UK where they can demonstrate genuine and credible reasons in line with the above.

Applicants must submit a personal statement that details their individual circumstances and explains how they feel the new course demonstrates academic progression and/or how it supports future career aspirations.

		Destination course...		
		...Is the same subject area (e.g. Business Management to Business Management)	...Is supplemental / specialist / relevant (e.g. Business Management to Accounting and Finance, or Computer Science to Cyber Security)	... Is in a different subject area (e.g. Business Management to Computer Science, or Psychology to Business Management)
Basis of offer/applicant background	From UG	OK	OK	OK - subject to satisfactory personal statement
	From PG	Not accepted	OK – subject to satisfactory personal statement	Decided on a case-by-case basis on the following information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal Statement</li> <li>• CV</li> <li>• Supplementary Information – same level of study</li> </ul>

Where the new application is for the same level of study but for a different subject area the following will be considered:

- Reasons for choosing the new course – including details of change from previous study
- Links to career aspirations – previous work experience (including type of work undertaken while on any Post Study Work Visa if applicable)



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### **Feedback and Support for Agents**

If an application from one of your students is unsuccessful and you would like clarification, please contact your regional LSBU representative. They will be able to review the case and, if necessary, escalate it to the Admissions Management Team for more detailed feedback.

We understand that the UK-based international (UKi) market is growing rapidly, and LSBU is committed to working closely with our agent partners to ensure these students receive accurate guidance, fast responses, and fair decisions.

### **Additional Guidance for Applicants**

Through a personal statement, please respond to each of the following questions in clear and comprehensive detail. Your responses will help us better understand your academic intentions and ensure your application is accurately represented.

#### **1. Why have you now chosen to study at London South Bank University (LSBU) in the United Kingdom?**

[Please provide a detailed explanation outlining your reasons for your application to study this course at LSBU. Include factors such as academic reputation, course content, and career opportunities.]

#### **2. Please detail how this course is linked to your previous study in the UK?**

[Please explain any similar course content or modules, you can also highlight any particular skills or knowledge from your previous study]

#### **3. If your new course of study is in an unrelated subject area to your previous study please detail how it supports your future career aspirations?**

[Please include changes from your career aspirations from your first period of study in the UK, any previous work experience that supports your new course of study and what career you hope the new course of study leads onto]

#### **4. How does your post-master's work experience relate to your choice of a second master's degree and your future career aspirations?**

[Please describe the nature of your work experience after completing your first master's degree, the skills and knowledge gained, and how these experiences have influenced your decision to pursue a second master's course and shaped your long-term professional goals.]