

Brief Notes of UK Point Based System (PSB)

Key points to note

- Last day of existing regime: Friday March 27
- From Monday March 30, can only apply for visa with Certificate of Acceptance of Studies (CAS)
- Students commencing in April (mostly Bellerbys students) must have visa before 27 March or will be delayed until June
- All students need a sponsor (Bellerbys College). To be a sponsor, a centre must be accredited by a short list of national bodies such as OFSTED, BAC, English UK...etc and must register with the UKBA. It takes UKBA six weeks to process an application for a sponsors licence. Thus, for letter of acceptance to be issued with a sponsors licence number from the point when the system becomes live at the end of March, all centres must register with the UKBA 6 weeks or more before that date – 2nd February 2009.

ISCs' registration is in progress until late April.

Point Based System (PBS)– Implementation March 09

- Applicants can access themselves against set criteria before applying
- Every student will need to have Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS) from a registered UK Education Provider
- UK Border Agency (UKBA) sponsor register will replace DUIS Register of Education
- Checks that students are complying once they have arrived
- Education providers will act as sponsors
- All students will require a CAS to apply for a visa
- Entry Clearance Officer (ECO) will focus on checking funds and detecting forged and improperly obtained documents
- All students granted visas would need to obtain a Biometrics Identity. It is anticipated that centres will have these by September 2009. Identity cards are not the substitutes for passports. Students will need both at all times.

Point based system – Pass parks 40 points

CAS – 30 points

Student needs to provide:

A certificate from Licensed Education Provider

Original Education Documents used to obtain CAS

Maintenance and Funds Test (see below table for reference)– 10 points

Student needs to provide

Evidence to funds to cover courses fees plus GBP800 for each month

Evidence to funds of GBP535 for each Dependant for each month

Length of course	Where you will study	Maintenance (funds) needed
12 months or less	London-based	Course fees + £800 for each month of the course
12 months or less	Outside London	Course fees + £600 for each month of the course
More than 12 months	London-based	First year of fees + £9,600 to cover the first year in the United Kingdom
More than 12 months	Outside London	First year of fees + £7,200 to cover the first year in the United Kingdom