



Forced Migrants: Documentation Required

As a Tier 4 visa sponsor, we have a legal responsibility to ensure that everyone registered to study with us has the correct immigration permissions to do so. Unfortunately we are unable to consider applications to study from students where their current immigration status is unclear or who do not currently hold an immigration status which allows study.

To ensure transparency, below we have detailed the documents we require for you to demonstrate that you meet the criteria to study. If you have any questions about the below, or are unable to provide any of the documentation – please contact thecompassproject@bbk.ac.uk to discuss further.

Please also note that if you are an asylum seeker or your immigration status is unclear, Birkbeck will require your consent to discuss your immigration history and status with the Home Office (HO) to ensure you have the right to study. This check will be completed once you have met all conditions of your offer and are ready to enrol. This status will be reconfirmed with the HO every six months.

| Immigration status | Documents needed |
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| Asylum Seeker | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Application Registration Card (ARC) |
| Asylum Seeker, Appeals Rights Exhausted, Fresh Claim Submitted | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- ARC- Letter from HO – evidence that fresh claim has been recognised |
| Asylum Seeker, Appeals rights Exhausted, no fresh claim | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Unlikely to be accepted to study on a course at Birkbeck. Please contact thecompassproject@bbk.ac.uk if you have any questions, or specific details that you would like raise around this. |
| Limited Leave to Remain/ Discretionary Leave to Remain (after claim for asylum or EHRC Article 8) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A valid Biometric Residence Permit (BRP)- OR- Evidence that you have submitted an in-time visa application*- You may be eligible for student finance, please see here: https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Fees-and-Money/Government-Student-Support |
| Limited Leave to Remain/ Discretionary Leave to Remain (non-asylum claim) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A valid Biometric Residence Permit (BRP)- OR- Evidence that you have submitted an in-time visa application*- You may be eligible for student finance, please see here: https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Fees-and-Money/Government-Student-Support |
| Refugee Status (spouse, child, civil partner) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A valid Refugee Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) OR- Letter from HO confirming Refugee status |
| Humanitarian Protection | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A valid Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) OR- Letter from HO confirming humanitarian protection |
| Article 8 application | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Evidence of an in-time Further Leave to Remain application under ECHR Article 8** |

* to ensure you can demonstrate that you have made an in-time application, you should provide your previous visa and evidence of the new application in the form of proof of postage and/or a letter from the Home Office confirming receipt of your application.

** a letter from the HO confirming your new application