

## Scope

- 8.1 The Immigration Compliance Regulation applies to all students enrolled at York St John University who require a visa in order to enter, remain, and study in the UK.

## Definitions

- 8.2 *Visa*: authorisation for a person to enter, remain, and study in the UK for a specified amount of time.
- 8.3 *UK immigration rules*: pieces of legislation that make up the UK's immigration law, as amended from time to time.
- 8.4 *Authorising Officer*: nominated senior officer of the University with responsibility for actions taken in relation to the University's sponsorship licence.

## Immigration compliance

- 8.5 All students enrolled on a programme of study on York St John University campuses must have valid permission to live and study in the UK throughout the duration of their studies. Action may be taken under this regulation if they fail to retain such permission.
- 8.6 Students who are sponsored by the University on a Student Visa must be aware of and adhere to the requirements of their visa and UK immigration rules at all times during their studies. Further information can be accessed on the [Student visa conditions page](#).
- 8.7 Students shall not engage in conduct either on or off university premises which constitutes a breach of their immigration-related obligations, which results in a failure to comply with the requirements of their visa, or which prevents the University from complying with the conditions of its licence to sponsor migrants under the Student Visa system.
- 8.8 Failure by a student to adhere to the conditions of their visa or to comply with UK immigration rules, or engagement by a student in conduct which prevents the University from complying with the conditions of its sponsorship licence, may result in the withdrawal of university sponsorship. Where sponsorship is withdrawn by the University, the student's enrolment on their programme of study will be terminated as they will be unable to fulfil their responsibilities as set out in the [Programme Attendance Regulation](#).
- 8.9 Concerns relating to immigration non-compliance will generally be dealt with in accordance with the Support to Study Policy set out in the [Code of Practice for Assessment](#). Notwithstanding these procedures, the University reserves the right to report to [UK Visas and Immigration \(UKVI\)](#) any student who it has established had breached the conditions of their visa or who has failed to comply with UK immigration rules at any time during their studies.
- 8.10 A student will have the right to appeal against the decision of the Support to Study Panel, the Progress and Award Examination Panel, or the *Authorising Officer*. Full information about the appeal procedure is available on the [Appeals and Complaints](#) webpage.

Associated links: <https://www.yorks.ac.uk/international/visa-and-immigration/student-visa-conditions/>  
<https://www.yorks.ac.uk/policies-and-documents/regulations/>  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration>  
<https://www.yorks.ac.uk/policies-and-documents/appeals-and-complaints/>

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