

5th June 2015

Dear Student,

Changes to UKVI Sponsorship Arrangements

UKVI has changed some of its rules for private providers. One of these is that "Private providers linked to one another by common ownership or control must be grouped under a single Tier 4 licence..." (*Tier 4 of the Points Based System, Guidance for Sponsors, Version 04/2015*).

As a result of this, London School of Commerce (LSC) and School of Business and Law (SBL) will merge their UKVI Tier 4 Student Sponsor licences under a single licence in the name of London School of Commerce.

LSC and SBL will continue to operate as higher education providers, with their high standards overseen by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA), and offering degrees awarded by their respective partner universities. However, all CAS issued for new students in future will be in the name of LSC, for both LSC and SBL students.

What this means for you

- You will remain registered for your degree with the awarding body originally cited on your CAS statement.
- You will remain sponsored by SBL, as stated on your CAS, for the lifetime of your CAS.
- If you complete your programme within the period of your leave to remain in the UK as stated on your Biometric Residence Permit (BRP), you will not be affected in any way by the rule changes.
- All your visa conditions, including any work rights, will remain the same as stated on your BRP card.

What will change for current students?

- There are no immediate changes. However, should you require an additional CAS to be issued in order for you to be able to complete your programme and the School agrees to sponsor you for that remaining time, your new CAS will in all cases be issued in the name of LSC. Your awarding university body will not be affected.

Further queries

While we expect that this will have no significant effect on any of our students, we wanted to write to you in advance so that you were not unsettled by any news reports of changes.

If you have any particular concerns or questions about your individual circumstances, please contact: compliance@lsclondon.co.uk

Yours sincerely



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Registrar

