# Visa Quick Reference Guide

### Global Talent Visa

- For leaders and potential leaders in their field.
- Must apply for endorsement from appropriate endorsing body in order to obtain visa.
- Can be an employee, self employed and a director of a company.
- No English language requirement.
- Can chose how long visa is up to 5 years and renew as many times as required.
- Able to bring dependants
- Apply to settle permanently (ILR) after 3 years

### Skilled Worker Visa

- Must have a job offer from a UK employer approved by the Home Office.
- Must have a certificate of sponsorship provided by employer.
- •Job must be on list of eligible occupations.
- Must be paid a minimum salary.
- Must prove knowledge of English on application.
- •Visa can last for 5 years and be extended.
- Able to bring dependants.
- Able to settle permanently (ILR) after 5 years.

## Health and Care Worker Visa

- Must be a qualified doctor, nurse, health professional or adult social care professional.
- Must work in an eligible health or social care job.
- •Must work for a UK employer approved by the Home Office.
- Must have a certificate of sponsorship provided by employer.
- Must be paid a minimum salary.
- Must prove knowledge of English on application.
- •Visa can last for 5 years and be extended.
- Able to bring dependants.
- Able to settle permanently (ILR) after 5 years.

# Government Authorised Exchange T5

- For work experience, training, Overseas Government Language Programme, research, fellowship through an approved exchange scheme.
- Must have a sponsor
- •Can stay for up to 12 or 24 months (depending on the scheme you apply for)
- Able to bring dependants.
- Can study.
- •Can do a 2nd job for up to 20 hours per week.
- •Can switch to a Global Talent Visa if in an approved exchage scheme.

### Visitor Visa

- •Can stay for up to 6 months.
- Cannot do paid or unpaid work for a UK company or as a self employed person.
- •If from an academic institution overseas visa holder can:
- take part in formal exchange arrangements with UK counterparts
- carry out own research during a sabbatical.
- If visa holder is asenior doctor or dentist they can also:
- take part in research
- teach (as long as it is not a permanent teaching post)
- undertake clinical practice (as long as it's not a permanent position)

### **Graduate Route**

- Must be in the UK to apply.
- Must be currently on a Student or Tier 4 visa when applying.
- Must have successfully completed a UK batchelor's degree, postgraduate degree, or other eligible course.
- Must have studied in the UK for at least 12 months, or full length of course (whichever is shorter)
- •Can work in most jobs.
- •Visa lasts 2 years, 3 years if holder has PhD.
- Cannot be extended but can switch to other visa route including Skilled Worker.
- Can only study if your course is **not** eligible for a Student visa.



## **NEW ENTRANTS:**

- Can be paid 30% less than experienced workers but minimum salary must still be met. Must meet one of the new entrant criteria which includes (but is not limited to):
- Applicant is under 26
- Applicant is sponsored for a post doc position in 2111,2112, 2113, 2114, 2119, 2311
- Applicant is working towards recognised professional qualifications or moving directly into postdoctoral positions.
- Applicant is moving from Student or Graduate route.
- Can only be a new entrant for a max of 4 years.