

## **Guidance for students at centres whose Tier 4 sponsor licence is suspended or revoked**

This guidance is a simplified version of the guidance for students issued by UKBA.

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/applicationforms/pbs/Tier4migrantguidance.pdf>

### **Suspension of sponsor licence**

A centre whose sponsor licence is suspended can continue to teach students who are already enrolled or who have already been issued a visa to study at the centre. It cannot issue new CASes. All student visa applications that have been submitted but not processed will be put on hold until the UKBA completes its investigations into the centre and decides to either restore or withdraw the centre's sponsor licence.

#### **For students in the UK**

Students may continue to study at a suspended centre until their visa expires or UKBA decides to withdraw the sponsor's licence (see below).

If students apply for an extension to study at a suspended centre, these applications will be put on hold until UKBA completes an investigation of the centre. If the sponsor's licence is withdrawn the applications will be refused.

Students who need to apply for an extension whilst their sponsor is suspended will either have to return to their home country and reapply at a later date or apply for an extension with another sponsor.

#### **For students overseas**

If students have already been issued a visa to study at a suspended centre, they may travel to the UK and start the course. However the UKBA advises that students should not travel until investigations into the centre are complete, in case the sponsor licence is withdrawn. Students are advised to check the Register of Sponsors before they travel to check on their sponsor's status. See

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/employersandsponsors/pointsbasedsystem/registerofsponsoreducation>.

If students have submitted visa applications using visa letters/CASes from a suspended centre, the applications will be put on hold until after a decision has been made. If the suspension is lifted, the applications will be processed. If the sponsor licence is withdrawn, the applications will be refused.

### **Withdrawal of sponsor's licence**

If a centre's sponsor licence is withdrawn, all CASes or visa letters issued by it become invalid and all outstanding visa applications will be refused.

If students have already been issued visas but not yet travelled to the UK, they will not be allowed to enter the UK to start the course. If they want to study at a different centre, they will need to make a new visa application.

Students with over 6 months remaining on their visas will have 60 days in which to either apply to study at another centre or leave the UK.

Students with less than 6 months remaining on their visa may stay until their visas expire, but will have to apply for a new visa if they want to continue their studies in the UK with another sponsor centre.