

Evidence of Permission to Study and eGate ENTRY

This email contains important information for students who have applied for their Tier 4 visa from outside the UK and have a 30-day entry vignette in their passport. If this applies to you, please read through this information carefully. If you are eligible to apply for your Tier 4 visa inside the UK, this information is not relevant to your circumstances.

Evidence required to start your studies

In accordance with Home Office requirements, the University is required to ensure you have the correct visa for your studies. Before commencing your studies at the University, you will be required to provide the College with the following:

- original passport which will be scanned for your record;
- original Tier 4 BRP which will be scanned for your record;
- Evidence of when you entered the UK to confirm it was during the 30-day validity of your entry vignette as you will not receive an entry stamp. You can show a boarding pass, e-ticket or email confirmation from the airline to confirm your flight to the UK. This can be either a paper document or on a phone/tablet. This evidence does not need to be copied but must be checked, and the date of entry to the UK noted, so please have it ready.

You will need to go to the Tutorial Office to show these documents when you arrive in Cambridge. You cannot sign your Tier 4 visa sheets until you have shown us this evidence.

Further information on your responsibilities under Tier 4 is outlined at www.internationalstudents.cam.ac.uk/tier-4-responsibilities

Entering the UK

Nationals of the following countries may be able to use the eGates on arrival in the UK:

Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea and the USA.

This makes entry to the UK quicker as you won't need to join a queue to speak to a Border Force officer.

You must enter the UK within the 30-day validity of the Tier 4 entry vignette in your passport. This is necessary in order to be in the UK as a Tier 4 student, the immigration permission granted for your studies. If you enter outside of the validity of your 30-day vignette you will be admitted to the UK as a visitor (tourist) and would not be able to commence your course.

Further information about using the eGates is outlined at www.gov.uk/government/publications/coming-to-the-uk/faster-travel-through-the-uk-border