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## Tier 1 (Graduate entrepreneur)

This guidance is based on the Immigration Rules.

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### Key facts

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Application forms	<p>Entry clearance – VAF9 Appendix 4: Tier 1 (Graduate entrepreneur)</p> <p>Leave to remain or extension (within UK) – Tier 1 (Graduate entrepreneur)</p>
Cost of application:	<a href="#">Fees for Home Office services</a>
Is biometric information required for applications made in the UK?	Yes
Entry clearance endorsement	CAT D: Tier 1 (Entrepreneur-G) Migrant
Length of entry clearance to be granted	12 months
Code of leave to remain granted	Code 4C Code 4B (if application was submitted on or before 5 April 2013).
Conditions of leave to remain	<p>Leave to remain under this route is subject to the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no recourse to public funds</li> <li>• registration with the police, if this is required by paragraph 326 of the Immigration Rules</li> <li>• no employment as a doctor or dentist in training, and</li> <li>• no employment as a professional sports person (including as a sports coach).</li> <li>• for applications submitted on or before 5 April 2013, no</li> </ul>

	other employment of more than 20 hours per week.
How long is leave to remain normally granted for?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One year</li> <li>• Applications can be made to extend by a further one year</li> <li>• Maximum of two years total grant of leave allowed under Tier 1 (Graduate entrepreneur).</li> </ul>
Are dependants allowed?	Yes
Work and study allowed?	Yes
Switching into this category allowed?	<p>Switching into the Tier 1 (Graduate entrepreneur) category is only allowed if the applicant has or has last been granted leave as a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tier 4 student</li> <li>• Student</li> <li>• Student Nurse</li> <li>• Student Re-sitting an Examination</li> <li>• Student Writing up a Thesis</li> <li>• Postgraduate Doctor or Dentist</li> <li>• Tier 1 (Graduate entrepreneur) Migrant, or</li> <li>• Tier 2 (General) Migrant.</li> </ul> <p>An applicant who has, or was last issued entry clearance or granted leave to remain as a Tier 2 (General) migrant must score points from paragraph (b) in the second row of Table 10 of Appendix A.</p> <p>Applicants must not have previously been granted entry clearance, leave to enter or leave to remain as a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tier 1 (Post study Work) migrant</li> <li>• participant in the Fresh Talent: Working in Scotland Scheme, or</li> <li>• participant in the International Graduates Scheme, or</li> <li>• the Science and Engineering Graduate Scheme.</li> </ul>
Does this category lead to settlement (indefinite leave to remain)?	No
CID case type	T1 HS- GE MBA- LTR, T1 HS- GE Global- LTR, T1 HS- GE General- LTR
Immigration Rules paragraphs	Paragraph 245F – 245FC

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### Changes to this guidance

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	5 April 2013	Completely revised by the points-based system operational policy team and the modernising guidance team.		
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## Tier 1 (Graduate entrepreneur)

### Tier 1 (Graduate entrepreneur) entry and leave to remain requirements

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- Tier 2 (General) Migrant.

They must not have:

- Ever been granted entry clearance, leave to enter or remain as a:
  - Tier 1 (Post-study work) migrant
  - participant of the Fresh Talent: Working in Scotland Scheme,, or
  - participant in the International Graduates Scheme (or its predecessor, the Science and Engineering Graduates Scheme).
- Previously been granted leave as a Tier 1 (Graduate entrepreneur) more than once.
- Been in breach of immigration laws, except any period of overstaying in the UK for a period of 28 days or less that will be disregarded.

An applicant who does not have, or was not last granted, leave to remain as a Tier 1 (Graduate entrepreneur) migrant or Tier 2 (General) migrant and:

- is currently sponsored in their studies by a government or international scholarship agency, or
- was being sponsored in their studies by a government or international scholarship agency, and that sponsorship came to an end 12 months ago or less

must provide with the application:

- unconditional written consent of the sponsoring government or agency, and
- any specified documents needed to show this requirement has been met.

Applicants are also subject to the following conditions. They:

- must register with the police if this is required under paragraph 326 of the rules
- can not have recourse to public funds
- they can not be employed as a:
  - doctor or dentist in training, or
  - professional sportsperson (including as a sports coach).

**Translations**

All documents provided must be in English. If they are not the applicant must provide the original and a full translation which has been independently verified.

The translation must:

- confirm that it is an accurate translation of the original document
- be dated
- include the full name and original signature of the translator or an authorised official of the translation company
- include the translator or translation company's contact details, and
- be fully certified and include details of the translator or translation company's credentials, if the applicant is applying in the UK.

**Where specified evidence does not meet all the requirements**

If the specified evidence does not meet all the requirements of the rules it may be appropriate for you to contact the applicant or their representative, where applicable, to allow them to correct this. For example, if a bank statement from a series of statements is missing. For more information see related link: [Points – based system – evidential flexibility](#).

## Tier 1 (Graduate entrepreneur)

### Tier 1 (Graduate entrepreneur) - limits

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### Points scoring

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### Attributes

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	<p>The endorsement must confirm the endorsing body has assessed the applicant and considers whether the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• applicant has a genuine and credible business idea, and</li> <li>• applicant will spend the majority of their working time on developing business ventures, and</li> <li>• applicant's previous grant of leave was as a Tier 1 (Graduate entrepreneur), they have made satisfactory progress in developing their business since that leave was granted.</li> </ul>	25	

For more information, see related links:

- Endorsement
- Qualifications.

<b>English language: pass mark = 10 points</b>	<b>Points available</b>
Evidence to prove the applicant speaks English to the required standard and meets the requirements.	10
<b>Maintenance: pass mark = 10</b>	
For leave to remain in the UK the applicant must have specified funds. For more information see related link.	10

For more information, see related links:

- English language
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## Tier 1 (Graduate entrepreneur)

### Endorsement

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It has been used more than three months after date of issue.</li><li>• It has been withdrawn by the endorsing body. Or</li><li>• The endorsing body has lost its status as an endorsing institution, including being downgraded on the Tier 4 or Tier 2 and/or 5 sponsor registers. Endorsing bodies must still hold the relevant status at the date of decision.</li></ul> |  |
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### Qualifications

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- title of the award
- date of the award confirming that it has been or will be awarded
- Either the date that the certificate will be issued (if the applicant has not yet graduated) or confirmation that the institution is unable to reissue the original certificate or award.
- They must also provide an academic transcript on the official headed paper of the institution and clearly show:
  - applicant's name
  - name of the academic institution
  - course title, and
  - confirmation of the award.

**Original certificate not available**

If, for one of the reasons above, the applicant cannot provide their original certificate and is claiming points for a qualification with a significant research bias (such as a doctorate) an academic transcript is not required if the applicant provides an academic reference which includes all of the information detailed above.

**Details of qualification not found**

If an applicant cannot find details of their qualification on the points based calculator on the Home Office website, they must also provide an original letter or certificate from UK NARIC confirming the equivalency of the level of their qualification.

**Last granted under Tier 2**

If the applicant's last grant of leave was as a Tier 2 (General) migrant, and he has been working as a post-doctoral researcher, the HEI must be the same Tier 2 sponsor that sponsored the applicant for their last grant of leave, and the endorsement must confirm the applicant has at any time been awarded a UK recognised bachelors degree, masters degree or PhD (not a qualification of equivalent level which is not a degree) from a UK HEI.

**UK recognised degree**

To be recognised as a bachelors, masters or PhD level degree it must be awarded by a UK recognised body.

A UK recognised body is an institution that has been granted awarding powers by:

- A Royal Charter
- Act of Parliament, or
- the Privy Council.

For more information on recognised bodies see related link: [Tier 1 \(Graduate entrepreneur\) authorised endorsing bodies](#)

**Unacceptable qualifications**

- foundation degrees
- honorary degrees
- qualifications awarded in the UK by overseas awarding bodies
- professional and vocational qualifications
- postgraduate certificates and diplomas.

**Equivalent qualifications**

Points cannot be awarded to any qualification equivalent to, but not, a PHD, bachelors or masters degree. For example, a vocational qualification at bachelor degree level that is not itself a degree.

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### English language requirement

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tier 1 (Exceptional Talent) migrant providing they scored points for their English language ability in that application</li><li>• Tier 4 (General) student and the confirmation of acceptance for studies (CAS) used to support the application was assigned on or after 21 April 2011</li><li>• Minister of Religion (not as a Tier 2 (Minister of Religion) migrant) under the rules in place on or after 19 April 2007, or</li><li>• Tier 2 (Minister of Religion) migrant, provided that when they got that leave they got points for English language for:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ being a national of a majority English speaking country</li><li>○ having a degree taught in English, or</li><li>○ passing an English language test.</li></ul></li></ul> |  |
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## Tier 1 (Graduate entrepreneur)

### Maintenance (funds)

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You must not consider any money earned during a time they were in breach of the UK immigration laws as evidence of maintenance funds. For example, earnings made in the UK will only be considered if the applicant had leave to enter or remain in the UK at the time they were earned, and in a category which permitted them to take that employment.

For more information on the evidence needed for maintenance, see related link: [Tier 1 \(Graduate entrepreneur\) - evidence required for maintenance](#)

**Multiple or joint accounts**

If the applicant supplies evidence of multiple accounts (on which they are named), you can take the closing balance of the account that most favours the applicant as long as it ends no earlier than 31 days before the date of application, and use any other monies from any other accounts to make up the funds required.

If the money is in a joint account the applicant's name must be on the account along with one or more other named individual(s).

**Dependants**

Any dependants must also provide evidence that they have access to sufficient funds, even if they are joining the applicant at a later date. For more information on what funds they need and how to calculate there is sufficient, see related link: [Points-based system \(dependants\) policy guidance](#).

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### Tier 1 (Graduate entrepreneur) - evidence required for maintenance

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If it is a joint account the applicant must be named on the account along with one or more other named individual.

The applicant must provide one of the following:

- Personal bank or building society statements covering 90 consecutive days. The most recent statement must be dated no earlier than 31 days before the date of the application.
- Building society pass book covering 90 consecutive days and ending no earlier than 31 days before the date of application.
- A letter from a financial institution regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and the Prudential Regulatory Authority (PRA) or, in the case of an overseas account, the home regulator (official regulatory body for the country in which the institution operates and the funds are located), confirming the funds and that they have been in the bank for at least 90 days. The letter and balance end period must be dated no earlier than 31 days before the date of application.

The information must clearly show:

- the applicant's name
- the account number
- the date of the statement
- the financial institution's name and logo
- transactions covering the 90 day period, and
- that there are sufficient funds present in the account (the balance must always be at least £1800 for entry clearance and £900 for leave to remain).

You can accept as evidence:

- other bank statements printed on the bank's letterhead
- electronic bank statements if:
  - they contain all of the details listed above
  - the applicant provides a supporting letter from the bank, on company headed paper,

- confirming the statements provided are authentic, or
- the statements have the official bank stamp on every page.

But you cannot accept:

- mini-statements from automatic teller machines (ATMs), or
- statements which simply show the balance in the account on a particular day.

These do not show the applicant is holding enough funds for the full period required.

You must not consider any money earned during a time that the applicant was in breach of the UK's immigration laws as evidence of maintenance funds.

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### Tier 1 (Graduate entrepreneur) – application for extension of leave

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### Curtailling leave

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### Tier 1 (Graduate entrepreneur) - change of circumstances

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### Grant or refuse entry clearance, leave to remain or extension

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For more information on the administrative review procedures please see external link:  
Annex B – Administrative Review.

**Granting leave to remain**

You must grant leave to remain if:

- the applicant meets all the requirements of paragraph 245FB of the Immigration Rules, and
- none of the general grounds for refusal in paragraphs 323 apply (see related link).

You must grant leave on code 4C.

The wording on the Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) is as follows.

Front:

- T1 GE MIGRANT – LTR / T1 GE GLOBAL – LTR / T1 GE MBA - LTR
- LEAVE TO REMAIN
- RESTRICTED WORK
- NO DR/DEN TRAIN
- OR SPORTSPERSON.

Reverse:

- NO PUBLIC FUNDS
- REGISTER/REPORT TO POLICE (if applicable).

For applications submitted on or before 05/04/2013, you must grant leave on code 4B

Front:

- GR ENTREPRENEUR
- LEAVE TO REMAIN
- BUSINESS AND

- 20HR WORK NO DR
- DEN TRAIN/SPORT

Reverse:

- NO PUBLIC FUNDS
- REGISTER/REPORT TO POLICE (if applicable).

### **Refuse leave**

You must refuse leave if:

- the applicant does not meet all of the requirements of paragraphs 245FB of the Immigration Rules
- any of the general grounds for refusal apply, or
- the applicant is in breach of immigration laws, except:
  - for any period of overstaying for 28 days or less which will be disregarded, or
  - if the application was submitted before 9 July 2012.

For more information, see related links:

- Applications from overstayers (non family routes)
- 1.0 – Rights of Appeal.

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### Conditions of leave

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### Managing the Tier 1 (Graduate entrepreneur) inbox

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- If the application is under consideration you must record details of the endorsing body's decision on CID comments. An example of the wording required is below, then record the decision on the limit monitoring spreadsheet:
  - 'Notification received from (State name of endorsing body) on (date). The HEI has advised the Home Office they no longer wish to endorse the migrant (Reason).'
- If a grant of leave has already been made the applicant's current leave may fall to be curtailed you must follow the current curtailment guidance, see related link.

**The endorsing body says the applicant has missed their regular contact**

The applicant must make contact with the endorsing body on a regular basis. The endorsing body must advise the Home Office if the applicant has missed a contact. Update CID notes with the missed contact.

If the endorsing body states they wish to withdraw their sponsorship, follow the instructions above.

**The endorsing body is asking a policy question or general query**

If you cannot provide a direct response to the endorsing body you must liaise with your higher executive officer (HEO) and complete a policy referral form. You must send a holding response to the endorsing body.

Once you have received a response from the HEO you must reply to the endorsing body.

**The Higher Education Institution (HEI) has had their licence revoked**

If you receive notification a licence is revoked or downgraded, you must take the following action:

- update the limit monitoring spreadsheet
- change the Sponsor status field to void then contact the curtailments team giving them the details of any other applicants associated with that HEI, and
- provide the applicants full name and case ID.

**The endorsing body says the applicant is breaching their conditions**

You must establish if there is enough evidence to curtail the applicant. If there is enough

evidence to prove the applicant is breaching their conditions you must complete the curtailment in line with current procedures, see related link.

If there is not enough evidence note CID with details of the endorsing body email and no further action is required.

**An overseas post is requesting verification of an endorsement**

You must check the SRN and applicant details given by the post match with the details given previously by the endorsing body which are stored on the limit monitoring spreadsheet.

If the details match those on the spreadsheet you must respond to the post confirming the details supplied are correct.

If the details do not match you must send a holding response to the post and contact the endorsing body to confirm the endorsement is as issued.

You must:

- update the spreadsheet with the endorsement details if the endorsement is correct, and
- confirm the information with the post as received from the endorsing body.

**An overseas post is notifying a case decision**

You must check the details of the applicant on the limit monitoring spreadsheet, to make sure it matches, and update it with the post decision.

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