

“Expected end date of a course leading to the award of a PhD” means the date the PhD is expected to be formally confirmed, by the *student sponsor*, as completed to the standard required for the award of a PhD and recorded on the *Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies* accompanying the application as a *Student* on the *doctorate extension scheme*.

“Fee” means the amount the applicant must pay to the Secretary of State as specified in regulations made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 68, 69 and 74 of the Immigration Act 2014.

“Full-time course” means a full-time course which is:

- a) a full-time course of *degree level study* that leads to a UK-recognised qualification at level 6 or above on the Regulated Qualifications Framework or equivalents; or
- b) an overseas higher education course that the *Student* is studying in the UK and leads to a qualification from an *overseas higher education institution* that is recognised as being equivalent to a UK higher education qualification; or
- c) a *course of study* below UK degree level that involves a minimum of 15 hours a *week* of classroom-based, daytime study (08:00 – 18:00, Monday to Friday). Scheduled breaks do not count towards the 15 hours.

“Immigration Health Charge” means a charge under section 38 of the Immigration Act 2014 and the Immigration (Health Charge) Order 2015 (as amended from time to time).

“International sponsorship agency” means an international institution or organisation which provides funding to students studying in the UK.

“Partner” means the applicant’s:

- (a) spouse; or
- (b) *civil partner*; or
- (c) fiancé(e) or proposed *civil partner*; or
- (d) unmarried partner.

“Partner Institution” means an institution which has a permitted partnership agreement with a *student sponsor*. Teaching partnerships allow a *student sponsor’s* students to undertake study of a specified type at a partner’s site.

“passport”: under Appendix ST: Student and Appendix CS: Child Student, means a passport which:

- (a) is issued by or on behalf of the government of any country recognised by the UK, or dealt with as a government by the UK, and which complies with international passport practice; and
- (b) shows both the identity and nationality of the holder; and
- (c) gives the holder the right to enter the country of the government which has issued the passport; and