

UK Visa and Immigration Information

What is a BRP card?

A BRP (Biometric Residence Permit) card is your visa and is proof of your right to be in the UK as a student. They are only issued to those studying in the UK for more than 6 months. If you travel outside the UK you will need to carry this with you with your passport. If you lose it when you are overseas you will need to apply for another card before you can return to the UK so it is vital to keep it safe when you are travelling.

How will I receive my BRP card?

The College will send instructions on how to apply for your visa/BRP so that the BRP is sent to the College and can be given to the student after his arrival at the start of the Michaelmas term. It is important to keep any letters or e-mails you receive from the UK authorities when applying for a visa as these are sometimes needed for clarification.

What should I do when I receive my BRP card?

Check your BRP Card.

Check that all your details are correct and inform Mr Parsons if anything is incorrect.

The College is required to keep a photocopy of your passport and BRP. These will be taken at the start of term once you have received your BRP.

What if I change my address?

You will need to inform the Home Office (HO), you can do this online at:
www.gov.uk/change-circumstances-visa-brp

What if I change any other personal details?

You will need to inform the HO, please see their website for information on how to do this:
www.gov.uk/change-circumstances-visa-brp

What if my BRP card is lost/stolen?

Remember to inform your housemaster if your card is lost/stolen.

If you are in the UK, you will need to;

- 1) report it to the HO immediately by emailing: BRPLost@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk
- 2) report it to the police and obtain a police report/crime reference number:
www.reportmyloss.com
- 3) within 3 months of reporting this, you must apply for a replacement BRP card. Follow the instructions on the Home Office website to obtain a replacement card: www.gov.uk/biometric-residence-permits/replace

If you are outside the UK, you will need to:

- 1) report it to the HO immediately by emailing: BRPLost@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk
- 2) report it to the police and obtain a police report/crime reference number
- 3) follow the instructions on the Home Office website to obtain a 'Replacement BRP visa' overseas prior to returning to the UK: www.gov.uk/biometric-residence-permits/replace
- 4) When you are back in the UK, you will need to apply for a replacement BRP card within one month: www.gov.uk/biometric-residence-permits/replace

It can take several months for a replacement BRP to be issued. It is very important that you do not let your leave expire while you wait for the UKVI to send you a new BRP.

Police Registration

If the UK Entry Clearance vignette in your passport (or on your BRP) contains the statement "*The holder is also required to register at once with the police*" or "*Register with police within seven days*" you should register within seven days of your arrival. We will help you with this and organise a visit to the *Overseas Visitors Registration Offices* near London Bridge. If you arrive into the UK during the summer holidays you will need to make your own arrangements.

To complete this registration process you will require two passport sized photographs and copies of your passport and visa/BRP, as well as the originals. You will also require £32. Please ensure you bring passport photographs with you when you arrive at the College. You are responsible for ensuring that you update any changes to your details/place of residence, in most cases this would only be necessary once you start university.

You are responsible for ensuring you update your registration when you change address, for most of you this will be when you go to university.

Travelling to the UK

The advice from the *UK Visas and Immigration* is that all students should carry with them, on their return to the UK, letters of consent from their parents showing that the student is permitted to travel independently back to their boarding school.

Travelling outside the UK

If you are travelling outside the UK on a holiday, then you must ensure that **you** have organised any necessary visa applications. However, if this is a College related trip we will offer assistance.