



## Double/Joint Degree Students Tier 4 Info Sheet – May 2016

This guidance is for students on one of our [double/joint degree programmes](#). The advice varies depending on whether you will be spending your first or second year at LSE. Check that the question applies to your individual circumstances.

### **I am doing the MSc Double Degree in Global Media and Communications and will spend my first year at LSE. Who will issue my CAS and when can I apply for my visa?**

If you are spending your first year of your degree at LSE, your CAS will be issued by Graduate Admissions. You will be able to apply for your Tier 4 visa a maximum of three months before your sponsorship start date as shown on your CAS.

### **If I am at LSE for my first year, will I have a Tier 4 visa for the full two years of my programme?**

No. LSE will only sponsor you under Tier 4 for the time you are expected to be studying at the LSE. We are unable to keep you sponsored on a Tier 4 visa for the second year of your programme.

### **I am attending LSE in the second year of my degree. Who will issue my CAS and when can I apply for my visa?**

If you are spending the second year of your degree at LSE, you will need to request a CAS number from the Registry using the [online form](#). Your CAS will not be issued until your first year results have been confirmed by your university to LSE.

It is not possible to issue a CAS with an earlier start date to enable you to come to the UK sooner.

### **Where can I find information on applying for a Tier 4 visa?**

Information on to apply for the Tier 4 visa can be found on our [web pages](#). You should refer to the specific information for Diploma and Masters students. You must read both the guide to applying and the guide to completing the application form to fully understand the process.

#### Contact us:

ISVAT – [lse.ac.uk/isvat](http://lse.ac.uk/isvat)

### **Where can I apply for my Tier 4 visa?**

You can only apply for a Tier 4 visa in a country you are living in e.g. you have the right of residence. This could either be your home country or the country where you have studied for your first year of your degree.

We are aware that some students may undertake research in a third country over the summer, but there is no flexibility on this rule. You must plan to be able to apply for your Tier 4 visa for LSE in a country where you can submit an application

### **Can I come to the UK as a visitor and then apply for Tier 4?**

No, you cannot switch from a visitor visa to a Tier 4 visa in the UK. Your application will be refused and you may be unable to join your programme

### **What happens if I interrupt my studies?**

If you interrupt your studies, the Registry will be required to report this to the Home Office. This will lead to the curtailment of your Tier 4 visa. More information can be found on our web page about [changes to your circumstances](#).

### **What happens if I do not progress from my first year of studies at LSE?**

If you fail to progress at the end of your first year at LSE, the Registry will submit a report to the Home Office. This will curtail your visa. Information on how to return for retakes or deferred assessments can be found on our [web pages](#).

### **I'm studying the joint programme with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Who sponsors my Tier 4 visa?**

LSHTM will sponsor your Tier 4 visa, but we will be required to monitor your attendance. We will inform LSHTM if there are attendance issues as part of our Tier 4 Sponsor Licence Holder requirements.