

BIOMETRIC RESIDENCE PERMIT (BRP)

When you apply for a Tier 4 visa in your home country or outside of the UK to study for leave that will cover more than six months, providing your application is successful, you will be granted a 30-day vignette (sticker) in your passport. You will also be given a letter which will give you instructions on when and where to collect your **Biometric Residence Permit (BRP)**. Your leave to remain will be the BRP and that must be collected within ten days of your arrival in the UK in a Post Office designated by the Home Office. The BRP is a plastic card, similar to a credit card. Nothing further will be placed in your passport.

For more information on Biometric residence permits please go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/biometric-residence-permits-applicant-and-sponsor-information>

Your leave to remain will start on the date your BRP is issued by the Home Office. This date will be stated on your BRP. From this date, you must comply with all of the conditions attached to your immigration permission as a Tier 4 student.

The validity of the 30-day vignette will be based on the course start date, rather than the intended date of travel.

1 - If the visa is issued earlier than one month before the start date of the course the Rules require the “**valid from date**” to be set as **one month before the start of the course stated on the CAS**.

Example:

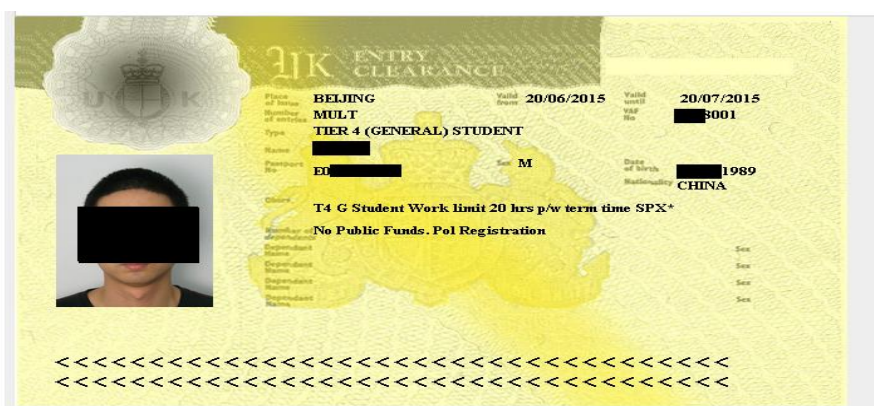
CAS states start of course as 21 September. Application is determined and visa issued on 15 August. The vignette will start on 21 August and end on 20 September.

2. If the visa is issued less than one month before the start of the course then the month long vignette will be valid from the date of issue and therefore will have an end date later than the start date of the course.

Example: CAS states start of course as 21 September. Application is determined and visa issued on 10 September. The vignette will start on 10 September and end on 09 October.

Enrolment at SOAS We strongly advise you to collect your Biometric Residence Permit from the allocated Post Office as soon as you arrive in the UK and **before** attending your enrolment session. We will be able to enrol you on a temporary basis with the 30-day vignette in your passport but we must see your BRP card **before** the vignette expires, which will involve returning to the Enrolment Hall (during Welcome Week) or to the Registry (from Monday 28 September) to have your BRP scanned and before you can be fully enrolled.

Sample of Tier 4 30-day vignette below



For more information about BRP collection and local post offices go [Applying outside the UK](#)

For information about enrolment please go to [Enrolment for new students](#)