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# Children of students granted leave under Part 3 of the Immigration Rules

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This guidance tells you how children of students granted leave under Part 3 of the Immigration Rules can qualify for leave in the UK with their parents.

This guidance is based on the Immigration Rules part 3, paragraphs 79 to 81. See related link to the Immigration Rules.

People can apply for leave in this category if they are the child of a person with leave in one of the following categories:

- pre-Tier 4 students
- student nurses
- people re-sitting an examination
- people writing up a thesis
- overseas qualified nurses or midwives
- postgraduate doctors or dentists
- students' union sabbatical officers

All of these categories have been deleted from the Immigration Rules. These categories (apart from overseas qualified nurses or midwives) were replaced by Tier 4 of the points-based system (PBS) on 31 March 2009. Overseas qualified nurses and midwives with a job offer must now apply under Tier 2 of the PBS.

Children of people who have existing leave in one of these categories, can continue to be granted leave to join their parents.

Where reference is made in this guidance to 'students', this refers to the categories listed above. It does not refer to short-term students - see paragraphs A57A to A57H of the Immigration Rules. Short-term students are not permitted to bring children to the UK to join them.

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This guidance does not tell you how to consider applications for leave from children of people with leave under Tiers 2 or 4 of the points-based system.

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Safeguard and promote child welfare – This page explains your duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and tells you where to find out more information.

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### Key facts

Category: Children of students granted leave under Part 3 of the Immigration Rules	
Eligibility criteria	<p>In order to meet the requirements the applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• be the child of either a:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ student</li><li>○ student nurse</li><li>○ person re-sitting an examination</li><li>○ person writing up a thesis</li><li>○ overseas qualified nurse or midwife</li><li>○ postgraduate doctor or dentist</li><li>○ students' union sabbatical officer</li></ul></li><li>• be under the age of 18 or have current leave in this category</li><li>• not be:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ married</li><li>○ in a civil partnership</li><li>○ forming an independent family unit</li><li>○ leading an independent life</li></ul></li><li>• be maintained and accommodated adequately with no access to public funds</li><li>• not stay in the UK beyond the period of leave granted to their parent</li><li>• have:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ both parents lawfully present in the UK or about to be granted entry clearance or leave to remain at the same time as the applicant</li><li>○ one parent lawfully present in the UK and the other parent about to be granted entry clearance or leave to remain at the same time as the applicant</li></ul></li></ul> <p>unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ the student is the applicant's only surviving parent</li><li>○ the student has and has had sole responsibility for the applicant's upbringing</li><li>○ there are serious or compelling family or other considerations that would make it desirable not to refuse the application and suitable arrangements have been made in the UK for the applicant's care</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• if applying for leave to remain, must not be in the UK in breach of immigration laws, except for any period of overstaying:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ for 28 days or less, which will be disregarded</li><li>○ if the application was submitted before 9 July 2012</li></ul></li></ul>

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Application forms	Entry clearance – VAF 3B Extension – FLR(O) Settlement – N/A
Cost of application:	<a href="#">Fees for Home Office services</a>
Entry Clearance mandatory?	Yes, unless the person is a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• non-visa national who does not intend to stay in the UK for more than 6 months</li> <li>• one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ British national (overseas)</li> <li>○ British overseas territories citizen</li> <li>○ British overseas citizen</li> <li>○ British protected person</li> <li>○ person who under the British Nationality Act 1981 is a British subject</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Is biometric information required for applications made in the UK?	Yes
Code of leave to remain granted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Code 1 if their parent was or will be granted leave as a student for 12 months or longer</li> <li>• Code 3 if their parent was or will be granted leave as a student for less than 12 months</li> </ul>
Entry Clearance endorsements	'D: STUDENT DEPENDANT', with the initial and surname of the student to be added in the 'add endorsement' field.
Conditions of leave to remain	No recourse to public funds. Cannot work if granted leave on code 3 conditions.
How long is leave to remain normally granted for?	The same as the leave granted to the parent who has applied as a student.
Are dependants allowed?	No
Work and study allowed?	Yes, unless their parent was granted less than 12 months' leave as a student.
Is switching into this category allowed?	Yes, from any category, unless the applicant is aged 18 or over on the date they apply.
Does this category lead to settlement (indefinite leave to remain)?	No
Is knowledge of language and life required?	No
CID case type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child aged under 18, applying at same time as their parent, biometric information required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ DEP Children (BRP) (except paras 296-303) – LTR</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Child (including where child is over 18) applying at same time as their parent, biometric information not required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ DEP Children (except paras 296-303) – LTR</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Child under 18, applying separately from their parent, biometric information required:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ DEP Child (BRP) Joining Person with LTR (except paras 296-303) – LTR</li></ul></li><li>• Child (including over 18) applying separately from their parent, biometric information not required:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ DEP Child Joining Person with LTR (except paras 296-303) – LTR</li></ul></li><li>• Child aged 18 or over, applying at same time as their parent, biometric information required:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ DEP Over 18 (BRP) (Dependant Child) (except paras 317-322) – LTR</li></ul></li><li>• Child aged 18 or over, applying separately from their parent, biometric information required:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ DEP Over 18 (BRP) (Dependant child) (except paras 317-322) – LTR.</li></ul></li></ul>
Immigration Rules paragraphs	79-81

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This page lists the changes to the children of students granted leave under Part 3 of the Immigration Rules guidance, with the most recent at the top.

Date of the change	Details of the change
5 May 2015	Change request:  remove references to children of prospective students- the category has been removed
13 November 2013	6 month review by the modernised guidance team:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• minor housekeeping changes</li></ul>
	For previous changes to this guidance you will find all earlier versions in the archive. See related link: <a href="#">Dependants outside PBS - archive</a> .

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### Entry or extension requirements

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• had already been granted leave to remain and this was granted on a biometric residence permit (BRP)</li></ul> <p>Other applicants who applied before 29 February 2012 were not required to give their biometric information when they applied. From 1 December 2012, all applicants granted leave to remain must give their biometric information, even if they were not required to when they applied.</p> <p>If an applicant qualifies for leave to remain, but they were not required to give their biometric information at the time of application, you must send them a biometric invitation letter and application form before completing your action on the case.</p> <p>For guidance on the process, see related link: <a href="#">Applying for a biometric residence permit – standard route applications.</a></p> <p><b>Specified application form for leave to remain applications</b> For applications submitted on or before 28 February 2012, the specified application form for a person applying for leave to remain as the child of a student was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FLR (BID) if the applicant was required to give their biometric information</li><li>• FLR (O) if the application was not required to give their biometric information</li></ul> <p>Applicants applying on or after 29 February 2012 must apply on the current version of form FLR (O). This form now requires the applicant to apply for a biometric residence permit. Form FLR (BID) has been withdrawn.</p> <p>Transitional arrangements apply to applications submitted between 29 February 2012 and 21 March 2012 inclusive. For guidance, see related link: <a href="#">Applications made within 21 days of specification of a form.</a></p> <p><b>Immigration Rules requirements</b> The applicant must meet the requirements of paragraph 79 of the Immigration Rules. The applicant must:</p>	<p>enrolment</p> <p>Applications made within 21 days of specification of a form</p> <p>General grounds for refusal</p> <p>Applications from overstayers (non family routes)</p> <p><b>External links</b> <a href="#">Paragraphs 79 to 81 of the Immigration Rules</a></p> <p><a href="#">Applying for a visa</a></p>
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    - person re-sitting an examination
    - person writing up a thesis
    - overseas qualified nurse or midwife
    - postgraduate doctor or dentist
    - students' union sabbatical officer
  - be under the age of 18 or have current leave in this category
  - not be:
    - married
    - in a civil partnership
    - forming an independent family unit
    - leading an independent life
  - be maintained and accommodated adequately with no access to public funds
  - not stay in the UK beyond the period of leave granted to their parent
  - have:
    - both parents lawfully present in the UK or about to be granted entry clearance or leave to remain at the same time as the applicant
    - one parent lawfully present in the UK and the other parent about to be granted entry clearance or leave to remain at the same time as the applicant
- unless:
- the student is the applicant's only surviving parent
  - the student has and has had sole responsibility for the applicant's upbringing
  - there are serious or compelling family or other considerations that would make it desirable not to refuse the application. If this is the case suitable arrangements must have been made for the applicant's care in the UK
- if applying for leave to remain, must not be in the UK in breach of immigration laws, except for any period of overstaying:
    - for 28 days or less, which will be disregarded
    - if the application was submitted before 9 July 2012

For more information on these requirements, see related link: Paragraphs 79 to 81 of the

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	<p>Immigration Rules.</p> <p><b>Applications from overstayers</b> For more information on the requirement not to be in the UK in breach of immigration laws, see related link: <a href="#">Applications from overstayers (non family routes)</a>.</p>	
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### Switching

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	<p>claimed.</p> <p><b>Applicants aged 18 or over</b> Applicants aged 18 or over on the date they apply cannot switch into this category. For further information, see related link: Applicants aged 18 years or older.</p>	<p><a href="#">the Immigration Rules</a></p>
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### Checking that the child and parent(s) are related as claimed

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### Checking the parents' immigration status

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	<p>present in the UK, or about to be granted leave (for example, as the spouse or civil partner of the student), unless one parent is the sole surviving parent or has and has had sole responsibility for the child, or there are compelling circumstances why the child should join one parent. You must see evidence of the other parent's status and make any appropriate checks as outlined above.</p>	
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### Applicants aged 18 years or older

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### Independent life

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To meet this requirement, the applicant must:

- not have a partner as defined in Appendix FM to the Immigration Rules (spouse, civil partner, unmarried partner, or same-sex partner): see related link, Appendix FM to the Immigration Rules
- not be living away from their parents, unless they are at boarding school, college, or university as part of their full-time education
- not be employed full time, unless they are aged 18 or over
- be wholly or mainly dependent on their parents for financial support, unless they are aged 18 or over
- be wholly or mainly dependent on their parents for emotional support

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### Parental responsibility

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### Education

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### Granting or refusing

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### Grant or refuse entry clearance

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	<p>consider refusing the application if any of the general grounds for refusal in paragraph 320 apply.</p> <p>For more information, see related link: <a href="#">General grounds for refusal</a>.</p> <p>For more information on the action you must take when you refuse a child's application, see related links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Safeguard and promote child welfare</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Children: Refusing and ensuring their welfare</a></li></ul> <p>For more information on the wording to use in refusal letters, see related link: <a href="#">Refusal wording</a>.</p>	
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### Grant or refuse entry at a UK port

<p><a href="#">About this guidance</a></p> <p><a href="#">Key facts</a></p> <p><a href="#">Entry or extension requirements</a></p> <p><a href="#">Granting or refusing</a></p>	<p>This page tells you how to grant or refuse entry at a UK port to an applicant seeking entry as the child of a student granted leave under Part 3 of the Immigration Rules .</p> <p><b>Granting entry</b></p> <p>Applicants seeking entry as the child of a student must hold a valid entry clearance for entry in this capacity unless they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a non-visa national who is not seeking to remain in the UK for longer than 6 months, or</li><li>• one of the following UK passport holders who do not have the right of abode:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ British national (overseas)</li><li>○ British overseas territories citizen</li><li>○ British overseas citizen</li><li>○ British protected person</li><li>○ person who under the British Nationality Act 1981 is a British subject</li></ul></li></ul> <p>The UK passport holders referred to above do not have to show they intend to leave after 6 months, but 6 months is the maximum period of leave they can be granted at a UK port, even if they ask for longer. They can apply to extend their stay in country if necessary.</p> <p>For more information on which nationals need a visa to enter the UK, see related links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• paragraphs 23 and 24 of the Immigration Rules, that cover:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ paragraphs 23A and 23B– leave to enter granted on arrival</li><li>○ paragraph 24 – entry clearance</li></ul></li><li>• Appendix 2 to Appendix V Immigration Rules for Visitors</li></ul> <p>You must grant leave to enter, up to the maximum of 6 months, to an applicant without entry clearance if:</p>	<p><b>In this section</b></p> <p><a href="#">Granting or refusing</a></p> <p><a href="#">Grant or refuse entry clearance</a></p> <p><a href="#">Grant or refuse leave to remain in UK</a></p> <p><a href="#">Refusal wording</a></p> <p><b>Related links</b></p> <p>General grounds for refusal</p> <p>Refusal of leave to enter</p> <p>Safeguard and promote child welfare</p> <p>Children: Refusing and ensuring their welfare</p> <p><b>External links</b></p> <p><a href="#">Appendix 2 to Appendix V Immigration Rules for Visitors</a></p> <p><a href="#">Paragraphs 79 to 81 of the Immigration Rules</a></p>
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- they are not required under the Immigration Rules to hold entry clearance
- they meet each of the requirements of paragraph 79 of the rules
- none of the general grounds for refusal in paragraph 320 of the rules apply

You must grant a period equal to the leave granted to the student, or up to the maximum of 6 months, whichever is shorter.

You must not grant them leave that expires after the leave granted to the student.

You must grant leave on the appropriate condition code as follows:

- if the applicant's parent has been granted leave as a student for 12 months or more, grant leave on code 1 conditions - this means the applicant will be allowed to work in the UK if they are aged 16 or over
- if the applicant's parent has been granted leave as a student for less than 12 months, grant leave on code 3 conditions: this means the applicant will not be allowed to work in the UK - but you must use discretion and grant leave on code 1 conditions if:
  - there was a delay in deciding the parent's application and the parent would have been granted 12 months' or more leave as a student if their application had been decided on the date it was submitted

The on entry admission code is: STD - Student dependant.

You must admit an applicant who holds a valid entry clearance or has continuing leave to enter or remain in this category, unless it is right to cancel their entry clearance or leave under paragraph 321A of the Immigration Rules (see below).

### **Refusing entry**

You must refuse leave to enter to an applicant who does not have a valid entry clearance if they are a:

- visa national
- non-visa national (other than one of the UK passport holders listed above) seeking

[Paragraphs 23 and 24 of the Immigration Rules](#)

[Paragraph 321A of the Immigration Rules](#)

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entry for more than 6 months

If the applicant does not require entry clearance but does not meet the requirements of paragraph 79, you must refuse leave to enter.

You must also consider refusing leave to enter if any of the general grounds for refusal in paragraph 320 apply. For more information, see related link: [General grounds for refusal](#).

If the applicant holds a valid entry clearance or has continuing leave to enter or remain in this category, the entry clearance or leave may be cancelled if any of the grounds in paragraph 321A of the Immigration Rules apply.

For more information on refusing entry, see related link: [Refusal of leave to enter](#).

For more information on cancelling entry clearance or continuing leave to enter, see related links:

- [Refusal of leave to enter](#)
- [Paragraph 321A of the Immigration Rules](#)

For more information on the wording to use in refusal letters, see related link: [Refusal wording](#).

For more information on the action you must take when you consider refusing a child's application, see related links:

- [Safeguard and promote child welfare](#)
- [Children: Refusing and ensuring their welfare](#)

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### Grant or refuse leave to remain in UK

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- in the UK - but you must use discretion and grant leave on code 1 conditions if:
- there was a delay in deciding the parent's application and the parent would have been granted 12 months' or more leave as a student if their application had been decided on the date it was submitted
  - the applicant already has code 1 conditions

**Refuse leave to remain**

You must refuse the application if the applicant has not given the evidence required to show they meet the requirements of paragraph 79. You must also consider refusing the application if any of the general grounds for refusal in paragraph 322 apply.

For more information, see related link: [General grounds for refusal](#).

The Home Office has a statutory duty of care towards children under section 55 of the Borders, Citizenship and Immigration Act 2009. For more information on the action you must take when you consider refusing a child's application, see related links:

- Safeguard and promote child welfare
- Children: Refusing and ensuring their welfare

For more information on the refusal paragraphs you must refer to when refusing a case and examples of wording for refusal notices, see related link: [Refusal wording](#).

**External links**  
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### Refusal wording

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of State is (delete as appropriate) not satisfied that you are the child of a parent to be admitted to, or allowed to remain in the United Kingdom as a student/student nurse/person re-sitting an examination/person writing up a thesis/overseas qualified nurse or midwife/postgraduate doctor or dentist/students' union sabbatical officer (delete as appropriate).

Paragraph 81 with reference to 79(i).

**Parent not in United Kingdom or not in appropriate category within United Kingdom**

In view of [insert reasons here], I am / the Secretary of State is (delete as appropriate) not satisfied that you are the child of a parent admitted to or allowed to remain in the United Kingdom as a student/student nurse/person re-sitting an examination/person writing up a thesis/overseas qualified nurse or midwife/postgraduate doctor or dentist/students' union sabbatical officer (delete as appropriate).

Paragraph 81 with reference to 79(i).

**Over age and has not got current leave in this category**

As you were born on (insert date) / you have failed to produce satisfactory evidence of your date of birth (delete as appropriate), I am / the Secretary of State is (delete as appropriate) not satisfied that you are under the age of 18 or that you have current leave to enter or remain in this capacity.

Paragraph 81 with reference to 79(ii).

**Married or in a civil partnership – for applications made on or after 6 April 2012**

In view of (insert reasons here), I am / the Secretary of State is (delete as appropriate) not satisfied that you are unmarried/not in a civil partnership (delete as appropriate).

Paragraph 81 with reference to 79(iii).

**Married – for applications made on or before 5 April 2012**

(If the applicant is in a civil partnership, use the 'Independent life' wording)

In view of (insert reasons here), I am/the Secretary of State is (delete as appropriate) not satisfied that you are unmarried.

Paragraph 81 with reference to 79(iii).

**Independent family unit**

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In view of (insert reasons here), I am/the Secretary of State is (delete as appropriate) not satisfied that you have not formed an independent family unit.  
Paragraph 81 with reference to 79(iii).

**Independent life**

In view of (insert reasons here), I am/the Secretary of State is (delete as appropriate) not satisfied that you are not leading an independent life.  
Paragraph 81 with reference to 79(iii).

**Maintenance and accommodation**

In view of [insert reasons here], I am/the Secretary of State is (delete as appropriate) not satisfied that you can and will be maintained and accommodated adequately without recourse to public funds.  
Paragraph 81 with reference to 79(iv).

**Intention to leave**

In view of [insert reasons here], I am/the Secretary of State is (delete as appropriate) not satisfied that you will not stay in the United Kingdom beyond any period of leave granted to your mother/father/parents (delete as appropriate).  
Paragraph 81 with reference to 79(v).

**Not accompanying both parents – for applications made on or after 6 April 2012**

In view of [insert reasons here], I am/the Secretary of State is (delete as appropriate) not satisfied that both of your parents are lawfully present in the United Kingdom, or are being granted entry clearance or leave to remain at the same time as you, or that one of your parents is lawfully present in the United Kingdom and your other parent is being granted entry clearance or leave to remain at the same time as you; or that the parent you intend to [accompany/join] is your sole surviving parent or has, and has had, sole responsibility for your upbringing, or that there are serious and compelling family or other considerations which make your exclusion from the United Kingdom undesirable.  
Paragraph 81 with reference to 79A and 79(vi).

**Not accompanying both parents – for applications made on or before 5 April 2012**

In view of [insert reasons here], I am/the Secretary of State is (delete as appropriate) not



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satisfied that both of your parents are lawfully present in the United Kingdom, or are being granted entry clearance or leave to remain at the same time as you, or that the parent you intend to [accompany/join] is your sole surviving parent or has, and has had, sole responsibility for your upbringing, or that there are serious and compelling family or other considerations which make your exclusion from the United Kingdom undesirable.  
Paragraph 81 with reference to 79A and 79(vi).

**In breach of immigration laws – leave to remain applications only**

In view of [insert reasons here], the Secretary of State is satisfied that you are in the UK in breach of immigration laws.

Paragraph 81 with reference to 79(vii).

**Parent’s application for leave as a student refused - no switching**

Your mother’s/father’s (delete as appropriate) application for leave to remain has been refused for the reason that he/she (delete as appropriate) was not admitted to the United Kingdom with a valid student entry clearance.

Paragraph 81 with reference to 79(i).

**For immigration officers only**

**No entry clearance –visa national**

You have asked for leave to enter the United Kingdom as the child of a student/student nurse/person re-sitting an examination/person writing up a thesis/overseas qualified nurse or midwife/postgraduate doctor or dentist/students’ union sabbatical officer (delete as appropriate) but under the Immigration Rules you are required to produce a passport or other identity document endorsed with a valid and current United Kingdom entry clearance issued for the purpose for which entry is sought, and you have no such entry clearance.

Paragraph 320(5) of HC 395 (as amended).

**No entry clearance – non-visa national seeking more than 6 months**

You have asked for leave to enter the United Kingdom for a period of [*state period*] as the child of a student/student nurse/person re-sitting an examination/person writing up a thesis/overseas qualified nurse or midwife/postgraduate doctor or dentist/students’ union sabbatical officer (delete as appropriate) but under the Immigration Rules you are required to

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	<p>produce a passport or other identity document endorsed with a valid and current United Kingdom entry clearance issued for the purpose for which entry is sought, and you have no such entry clearance. Paragraph 24 of HC 395 (as amended).</p> <p>For more information on the action you must take when you refuse a child's application, see related links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Safeguard and promote child welfare</li><li>• Children, refusing and ensuring their welfare</li></ul>	
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