



The UK government departments involved have recently been hugely improved (after some years of chaos, being overwhelmed by the sheer number of immigrants) and procedures are still settling down. For example there is an incompletely thought out plan to issue biometric identity cards to foreign students.

To get student entry clearance you will need to have your prospective UK education (college, courses, accommodation, finances) fully sorted out in advance. As your “sponsor”, Anglian College London has a duty to make sure that you are indeed studying properly. Please do not confuse us with certain dishonest organisations that are just a front for illegal immigration and badly paid work! There are detailed rules about how many hours of tuition your courses must contain, your previous educational levels, and so on.

While you are here, you will be permitted to work part-time (i.e. up to 20 hours per week) during the course-work terms, and full time during the vacations. In addition,

some courses inherently include periods of full- or part-time work experience, which may be either paid or unpaid. During your time in London, you will be free in principle to take any type of job, but inevitably when you are young and available only part of the time, you are likely to be offered a pay rate not much more than the National Minimum Wage, which in 2009 is £5.73 per hour for age 22 and over. Anglian College will try to help you find a good job, but please understand that we are not a recruitment agency.

If you want to stay on in the UK to work for a while after finishing your studies, you will need to meet one of the criteria described on the Border Agency website for non-student workers, and to put in your application well before you finish studying. There are lots more, quite complex rules, for example for dependant relatives of students, or for under-18s, which you can mostly read in detail on the Internet. If you need advice, our Admissions department will try to help.