

THE END OF THE TRANSITION PERIOD: WHAT DO UNIVERSITIES NEED TO KNOW TO PREPARE?

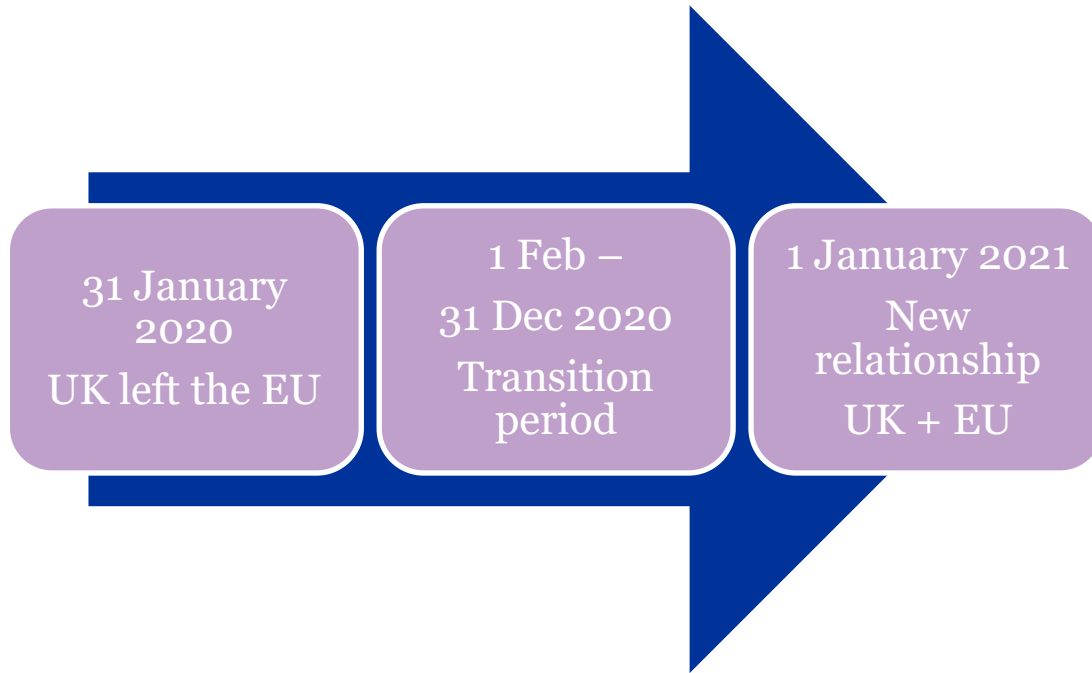
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WHERE ARE WE NOW?



UUKI'S PRIORITIES FOR THE UK-EU FUTURE RELATIONSHIP

- Association to Erasmus+
- Association to Horizon Europe
- Ensuring minimal disruption to student and staff flows resulting from the incoming points-based immigration system;
- Securing ongoing UK-EU cooperation in data protection, qualifications recognition, and provision of education services.

POSSIBLE SCENARIOS FROM 1 JANUARY ONWARDS

EU-UK negotiations and programme association negotiations finalised on time

- UK Association to EU programmes on 1 January 2021

EU-UK negotiations are delayed, but association looks likely

- UK association still on the table
- UK national stop-gap systems should be in place on 1 January 2021 to bridge the gap to association

Negotiations fail

- UK does not associate to EU programmes
- UK domestic alternatives should be up and running by 1 January 2021

FEES EU STUDENTS & IMMIGRATION ROUTES

Starting full degree course in 2020-21 (and beyond), arriving before 31 December 2020	Starting full degree course in 2020-21, arriving after 31 December 2020	Starting full degree course in 2021-22 and arriving after 31 December 2020
Home fee status in all nations & tuition fee loans in England, Wales and N.I.	Home fee status and tuition fee loan	International fees
Eligible to apply for UK's EU Settlement Scheme	Need to apply for a student visa through the new Student Route	Need to apply for a student visa through the new Student Route
	Will be eligible to apply for the Graduate Route	Will be eligible to apply for the Graduate Route

THE STUDENT ROUTE AND THE NEW GRADUATE ROUTE

The Student route:

- Went live on 05 October and allows individuals to apply up to 6 months before the course starts (up from the previous 3 months).
- Applies to all international students (EU and non-EU). An application will cost £348 and individuals will also have to pay an Immigration Health Surcharge of £470 a year (25% discount).
- The Student route is 'points-based' but points are based off of the old Tier 4 requirements (i.e. requiring a CAS) and so very little has changed in practise.

The Graduate route:

- Due to launch in Summer 2021, this will provide students with 2 years (3 years for PhD students) to work –or look for work –in the UK after they have completed their studies.
- Details need to be finalised but current thinking is that students will have needed to complete their entire degree in the UK.

SHORT-TERM STUDY ARRANGEMENTS

Studying for less than 6 months:

- Students wanting to come to the UK for short term study of less than 6 months will be able to apply under the Visitor route, provided it is at an accredited institution.
- This will arrangement will replace the current Short-Term Study Visa.
- Those from the EU and Switzerland will not require a visas and can enter the UK just using e-passports.

Work placements

- At the moment, there is uncertainty over how the new immigration system will facilitate students who want to come to the UK on work placements between 2 – 11 months
- Possible solution: Tier 5 Temporary Work route

SHORT-TERM STUDY ARRANGEMENTS

Between 6 and 12 months:

- For students coming for longer than 6 months will, at present, be required to apply through the Student route.
- We are currently discussing with government what concessions can be made for students coming for between 6 and 12 months.
- The 6 to 11 month short term English language study route will remain open.

A GUIDE FOR UNIVERSITIES

This briefing covers key developments and proposed actions in the following areas:

- Immigration rule changes
- EU/EEA/Swiss student finance rules
- Research collaboration (incl. EU Framework Programmes)
- Student and staff mobility (incl. Erasmus+)
- Other EU programmes relevant to universities
- UK transnational education in the EU
- UK-EU qualification/degree recognition
- Data protection
- Operational and financial risks for universities

- UUK's priority is to associate to Erasmus+
- UUKi and the Association of Colleges co-signed a joint statement with the European Students' Union, NUS UK and Erasmus Student Network

Negotiations:

- EU offer: Access to the entire programme for 7 years – GDP based calculation for contribution
- UK's position: Time limited and parts of the programme

STAFF AND STUDENT MOBILITY

Current Erasmus+ programme: UK remains a full member

If an agreement on Erasmus+ association is reached by the end of the transition period:

→ UK-based students and staff will be able to participate in the next Erasmus+ programme

If no agreement is reached:

→ Domestic alternative for international student and staff mobility through a new UK-wide national scheme

STAFF AND STUDENT MOBILITY GUIDANCE

Current Erasmus+ programme:

- If we don't have a FTA, current agreement stands
- Manage your funding / Secure your funding until 2023 – what are your priorities?
 - Extend your grant agreement to 36 months – have sign off before 31 December
- Communication to your students: Be transparent about the choices you make
- IIA: EC extended KA1 IIAs until 2022 and will be applicable for the duration of the project
- Charter will continue to apply to projects under the current programme
- Things to consider

STAFF AND STUDENT MOBILITY GUIDANCE

UK students leaving before 31 December 2020:

- Covered by the Withdrawal Agreement
- Apply for student EHIC: The student EHIC is valid for the duration of your placement
- Contact student support at hosting university

UK students leaving after 31 December 2020:

- Check immigration rules and requirements in destination Member State
- Make sure you have sufficient health insurance
- Contact student support at hosting university

HORIZON EUROPE AND RESEARCH COLLABORATION

- UUK's priority is full association to Horizon Europe
- UUKi and many European National Rectors Conferences signed a joint statement, initiated by the Wellcome Trust

Negotiations

- Main stumbling block are the finances and the participation rights

Possible domestic alternative

- Funding for third country participation and a Discovery Fund
- More funding for prestigious domestic schemes

Horizon 2020:

All applications/awarded projects will continue to be processed by the Commission until their conclusion.

UK universities

- Make sure your researchers understand that for the projects funded by the current programme nothing changes and actively reach out to your European partners to emphasise that
- Familiarise yourself with the new elements of Horizon Europe

TRANSNATIONAL EDUCATION GUIDANCE

How no deal at the end of the transition period would affect this provision will depend on range of factors, mainly:

- the nature of the agreement (or lack thereof) reached with the EU
- the specific TNE arrangement
- the territory where TNE is delivered

**Report any barriers or
issues with delivering
TNE in the EU here**

Suggested actions for universities

- Check requirements for third countries and assess impact of admin barriers
- Professional qualification recognition
- Check provisions affecting quality assurance of TNE programmes
- Assess impact of change in status of programme or provider on employment status students

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS RECOGNITION

Transition period

EU law continues to apply during the transition period, incl. the MRPQ Directive:

- You don't have to do anything if your qualification has already been officially recognised by the relevant regulator in an EEA country or Switzerland. The regulator's decision to recognise your qualification will remain valid after the transition period.

2021 and onwards

- The UK has said a UK-EU Free Trade Agreement should provide a pathway for the mutual recognition of UK and EU qualifications.
- You'll need to have your UK professional qualification officially recognised if you want to work in a profession that is regulated in the EEA or Switzerland. It will need to be recognised by the appropriate regulator for your profession in the country you intend to work.

Transition period

The GDPR Directive continues to apply, data transfer can continue between the UK and EU/EEA as before. So no immediate action is required.

2021 onwards

- The UK is seeking agreement with the EU on 'data adequacy' where the EU deems UK data protection legislation as compliant with GDPR.
- In the case where this agreement is not reached before the end of the transition period, there are measures individual organisations can put in place to continue sharing data with EU partners.
- For most businesses including universities and research institutions, a safeguard is the use of standard contractual clauses. The UK Information Commissioner's Office (www.ico.org) has more information and draft standard contractual clauses.
- Key preparation is understanding your data flows, especially those from EEA to UK.

END OF TRANSITION PERIOD GUIDANCE - LINKS

Sources of information:

1. [Preparing for the end of the transition period: A guide for universities](#)
2. [Changes for EU students in the UK. FAQs on fees, immigration, Erasmus+](#)
3. [Changes for EEA and EFTA students in the UK. FAQs on fees, immigration, Erasmus+](#)
4. **Webinars:**

End of the transition period: What do universities need to know to prepare?

Immigration rules in the UK from 1 January onwards: What universities and students need to know

Preparing for UK domestic alternatives to Horizon Europe

Erasmus+ and preparing for the end of the transition period

START PREPARING

Covid-19 is taking up so much of everyone's time, but:

Only 8 weeks until Christmas holidays

We may have a deal...

We may not

Be prepared

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