



## Advice for Non-UK/EU Applicants for Cliff College Undergraduate Courses

### **Tier 4 Visa applications**

If you are a non-UK/EU student and you wish to come to live in the UK as a full-time student you will need to apply for a Tier 4 visa. In order to do so you will need a CAS (Conformation of Acceptance to Study) number from the institution that has offered you a place to study.

The procedure we use for this is as follows:

- 1) You apply to the College for a place on the course in the normal way using an application form.
- 2) If we are able to offer you a place academically we will let you know and request the following:
  - a) a copy of your passport
  - b) a copy of your English qualification certificate (see below)
  - c) payment of all the fees for your first year in advance.We also advise that you endeavour to have £8000 in your bank account for at least 28 days prior to submitting your visa application.
- 3) Once we have all this we will apply for a CAS number for you and then provide you with the following documents to accompany your visa application:
  - a) a letter offering you a place with the CAS number on it
  - b) a copy of the CAS application
  - c) a letter to support your visa application, which is signed by the College principal.

Once you have received a Tier 4 visa you will be able to accept the place as a student at Cliff College.

If a visa is not issued we will reimburse any fees paid in advance.

### **English language requirements for Tier 4 visas**

The UKBA now require all Tier 4 visa applicants, regardless of their ability to speak and write English, to hold an appropriate qualification in English based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). We will therefore need the certificate for this as part of your application.

If you are unsure which qualifications this includes you will need to contact the British High Commission in your own country who should be able to help you find an appropriate course.

## **Random checks**

You should also be aware that the UKBA have recently implemented a system of random checks for a small number of visa applicants to establish the validity of Tier 4 student visa applications and the validity of English qualifications held. If one of these checks is to take place you will receive an invitation from the UKBA to attend an interview. Failure to attend this interview without good reason will almost certainly result in a refusal of entry to the UK.

## **TB Screening**

The UK government has extended the pre-entry tuberculosis (TB) screening to an additional 67 countries identified as having 'high incidence' of TB by the World Health Organisation (WHO). Students from these countries who will be staying in the UK for longer than six months will be required to go through this pre-entry screening. Please see the following website for further information about this and for a list of the countries included:  
<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2012/may/42-tb-test>