



MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Post Study Prospects in United Kingdom

According to the clauses of Memorandum Of Understanding (MoU) on Migration and Mobility Partnership between The Government of The Republic of India and Her Majesty's Government of The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Post Study Prospects are

3.2.2 Indian nationals who successfully complete their studies and who wish to supplement their training with professional experience in the UK may apply to remain in the UK on a work-based immigration route. This may include routes for skilled workers, and for those working or seeking work post-study, as specified in the UK Immigration Rules. Accordingly, the UK will grant permission to stay in the UK for two years to students who have successfully completed an undergraduate and master's programme and for three years to those completing their PhD. They will be allowed to seek or take up employment related to their training during this period without being subject to the situation of the labour market. On expiry of this period, those who are already in employment or have a promise of employment who meet the requirements in the UK Immigration Rules may continue to reside in the UK to carry out their professional activity.

For detailed MMP agreement, check the following link:
<https://www.mea.gov.in/TreatyDetail.htm?3748>

According to the High Commission of India in the United Kingdom the Post Study Prospects in UK are as follows:

Prospects of extension of visas for interns/job seekers:

Students who successfully complete their undergraduate or post graduate course can apply for a graduate visa which gives the student permission to stay in the UK for at least 2 years. They must (mandatory) be in the UK when they apply for this visa. A Graduate visa lasts for 2 years. If the student has a PhD or other doctoral qualification, it will last for 3 years. Graduate visas cannot be extended, however, the student may switch to a different visa, for example a skilled worker visa. This is a visa which allows the skilled worker to do an eligible job with a specifically approved employer in the UK. For further information the following link provides details:

<https://www.gov.uk/graduate-visa>

Work related opportunities for students completing their graduation:

After completing their studies, students who wish to remain in the UK on work or to look for work in the UK can use the Graduate visa route or skilled worker visa. Such students can apply for only one Graduate visa which cannot be extended or reapplied, and they cannot switch from Skilled worker visa to Graduate visa. A Skilled Worker visa allows the student to stay in the UK with an approved employer and eligible job. The student must fulfil certain requirements to apply for this type of visa – including having a job offer with a defined minimum salary - currently £38,700 per year. For further information kindly visit following link: <https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/>

Specific agreement that Government of India has entered into with the countries of your accreditation that provides special opportunities for Indian students after their graduation:

India and UK have signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 21 July 2022, an agreement officially recognising each other's higher education qualifications. For further information the following link has details:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-universities-boosted-by-landmark-agreement-with-india-to-recognise-qualifications>

In addition, Young Professionals Scheme (YPS) agreed as part of the India-UK Migration and Mobility Partnership offers young Indian and UK citizens to live and work in each other's country for upto two years. The scheme allows citizens of each other's country between 18 and 30 years old to live and work in the invited country for up to 2 years. The student must be eligible and should be selected in the Young Professional Scheme ballot conducted by the UK High Commission in Delhi before the student can apply for this visa. Ballots are conducted for a specific periods of time in the year. The number of young Indian and UK professionals admitted by either participant may not exceed 3000 per year under the Scheme.

For further information kindly visit following links:

- <https://www.gov.uk/india-young-professionals-scheme-visa>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/migration-and-mobility-partnership/mou-on-migration-and-mobility-partnership-between-india-and-the-united-kingdom>
- <https://www.hcilondon.gov.in/page/about-young-professionals-scheme/>

The job market in the UK is undergoing a down-turn as the economy is said to be in recession. Employees often prefer hiring local candidates due to work permit requirements and complexities involved in sponsoring international hires. Many companies do not want to provide sponsorships. As the UK's economy is in recession, only part time jobs are available with low number of full-time jobs. Further, UK's Labour market had 1.3 million vacancies in 2023. However, students are advised to be careful as many arrive in UK with misinformation and undue expectation of job opportunities in UK.

There are some websites in UK through which jobs can be searched viz. findajob.dwp.gov.uk (official website of UK government), uk.linkedin.com, uk.indeed.com, reed.co.uk, techradar.com.