

Graduate Route: Frequently Asked Questions.

What are the requirements for the Graduate Route?

You must meet the following requirements in order to be eligible for the Graduate Route Scheme; applicant must be in the UK, current Student Route visa is still valid, applicant must have successfully completed a qualifying course for which you were issued a CAS and your sponsor (Istituto Marangoni) must have reported this successful completion to the Home Office.

Can I apply if I started a Masters programme and am awarded a Postgraduate Diploma or Certificate of Diploma?

No, you need to successfully complete the programme you were issued a CAS for. An Masters is a qualifying programme and you must be awarded the Masters to be eligible.

Can I apply for the Graduate Route when I finish my Foundation programme?

No, a Foundation programme is not a qualifying programme.

Can I apply for the Graduate Route on the basis of my Masters from Istituto Marangoni from 2 years ago?

No, the Student Route visa for which you were issued to complete the MA must still be valid and you must still be in the UK on that visa.

When will I get my results?

The publication of the final academic results will take place after the results are presented for a review and approval of the Assessment Board. The Assessment Board for BA October/ MA Feb students normally takes place towards the end of July and the Assessment Board for MA October students normally takes place in March.

When can I apply?

The earliest you can apply is after you have received your Profile of Results.

Can I apply before I get my results?

No, if you have not successfully completed the programme you aren't eligible. If you apply prior to getting your results, you may be refused.

Do I have to wait until Graduation to apply?

No, you can apply on the basis that you have received your Profile of Results and Istituto Marangoni has reported your successful completion to the Home Office.

Has the Home Office been informed of my successful completion?

If you successfully complete the programme for which you were issued a CAS, Istituto Marangoni will report this to the Home Office and will confirm to you in writing when this has been done.

How will I know you have informed the Home Office?

Istituto Marangoni will send you an email to confirm this has been completed.

Can I leave the UK whilst waiting for the result of my application?

No, this will cancel your application and you will not be able to re-apply as you will no longer meet the requirements. A Graduate Route application will supersede your Student Route and will mean your Student Route visa is no longer valid.

How long do I need to wait for the outcome of my application?

The standard visa processing time for standard visa applications made in the UK is around 8 weeks. During less busy periods of the year, the processing times may be shorter but please expect to wait around 8 weeks.

Can I pay extra to get the result quicker?

No, there are no fast track or priority services for the Graduate Route Scheme.