

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;

- application must be made from within the UK,
- current Student Route visa must still valid,
- applicant must have successfully completed a qualifying course for which you were issued a CAS,
- sponsor (Istituto Marangoni) must have reported this successful completion to the Home Office.

Can I apply if I started a Masters or Bachelors programme and am awarded an exit award?

No, you need to successfully complete the programme you were issued a CAS for. A Masters and a Bachelors are both qualifying programmes and you must be awarded the Masters or the Bachelors 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 a programme I completed at Istituto Marangoni 2 years ago?

No, the Student Route visa for which you were issued to complete the BA or 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 from the Istituto Marangoni Assessment coordinator.

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 along with instructions on how to apply.

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 leaving the UK 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 be prepared to wait up to 8 weeks.

Can I pay extra to get the visa application outcome quicker?

Yes, the Home Office offer Priority and Super Priority services on the Graduate Route scheme if you have used the UK Immigration: ID check app on your phone or tablet to confirm your identity. If you have to attend a Biometrics appointment at a Visa Application Centre you will have to use the standard service.

Can I travel before making my application?

Yes, you can travel outside the UK and return prior to your visa expiring. However please do be aware that you may be questioned at the UK border as to why you are returning to the UK with such limited time left on your visa.

If I apply for the Graduate Route, work for 2 years then apply and successfully complete another qualifying programme, can I apply for the Graduate Route again?

No, you are only permitted to apply for the Graduate Route once.

Please do note that all of this advice is based on how the Immigration Rules currently stand and is subject to change. If you require further information or wish to meet the team to discuss anything in relation to your visa status or Graduate Route application, please do not hesitate to contact us at visa.london@istitutomarangoni.com and we will be happy to assist.