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VISA INFORMATION UPDATE
– Tier 4 Sponsor Management System

From 1 February 2010, the UK Borders Agency (UKBA) is introducing a Sponsor Management System for International Students coming to study in the UK.

What Does this Mean?

- In order to apply for a student visa from 1 February onwards, a student must have a "Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies", or "CAS".

- Robert Gordon University will be required to issue a unique Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies reference number (CAS) to each student who has confirmed their acceptance of an unconditional offer.

- The CAS will replace the visa letter in the student visa application process. However, Robert Gordon University will continue to issue Conditional and Unconditional offer letters as usual, in addition to the CAS, as we appreciate that this can help with making arrangements for bank loans, sponsorships etc.

- The CAS will be needed to obtain a visa, and will contribute to the number of points required. The University will be responsible for notifying the UK Border Agency of students' registration at the University and their continued attendance on the course.

- The UK Border Agency charges £10 for each CAS issued. Robert Gordon University will absorb this cost- it will not be passed on to the student.

All above information correct at time of print, however is subject to changes made by the UK Borders Agency. Please check with UKBA in advance of your application for the most up to date information relating to the visa process.

For more information about applying for your visa, please visit **www.ukvisas.gov.uk/en** or **www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/studyingintheuk**