



# The Organisation for Tourism and Hospitality Management

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## Entry Clearance & Visa extensions in the UK

Dear Colleagues,

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As we are All aware a major review is taking place concerning Independent colleges, accreditation, qualifications and compliance with existing and further legislation.

OTHM is in direct conversation with the British High Commissions (Entry Clearance Departments) and the British Council Information officers overseas. We are also in conversation with the BIA (Home Office) in the UK – (policy section), DIUS and QCA.

OTHM has a unique structure as we are directly accredited by LSBU and TVU (both universities licensed under the Further and Higher Education Act 1992). The Universities are not under the QCA umbrella.

We have therefore requested listing is a separate category for Organisations that have programmes accredited by the Universities Vice Chancellors offices.

To date our centres have experienced very few problems with Entry Clearance or visa extensions of OTHM students. Please see the checklist of OTHM related documents that should be included for Entry Clearance or visa extension purposes.

1. OTHM –Pre-Entry letter ( For students going for entry clearance)
2. Welcome letter LSBU ( see- Centre Login on OTHM website-> go to quality zone)
3. OTHM accreditation letter from LSBU ( see- Login area-> go to Quality zone or Marketing zone)
4. OTHM – info sheet- Understanding Professional Qualifications( download from OTHM Home page)
5. OTHM Qualification Levels ( download from OTHM Home page)
6. Ten Reasons to study in the UK- (see Login> Marketing zone) Entry clearance only.
7. OTHM Promotion booklet- Your Professional Route to a Masters or BA( Hons) in Tourism & Hospitality ( see Login area|> go to Marketing zone )
8. OTHM Today Magazine
9. Continuation of studies Letter (see OTHM home page) –For students extending visas in the UK.
10. OTHM Result transcripts or Certificates (applicable for students taking OTHM exams)

***The above checklist is extensive and the entry clearance officers will also be checking ILETS levels, Sponsorship and the recognition of the teaching Centre. (Special note: ALL OTHM centres should aim to be ASIC or BAC listed by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008). To comply with the new register for the BIA.***

Yours sincerely,

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