

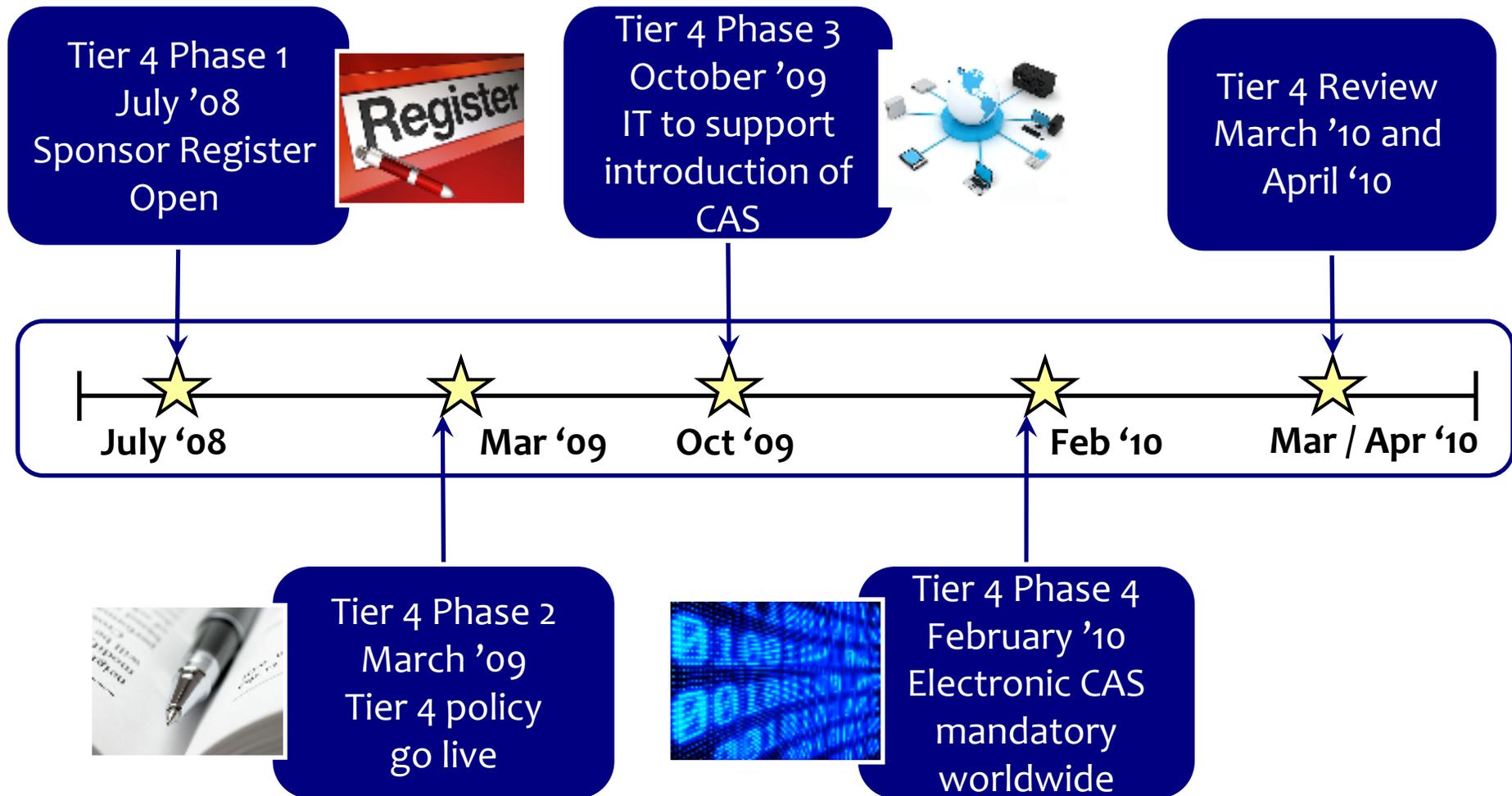


Higher National Key Partners Group

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Tier 4 Timeline



Tier 4 Review

- Raising the bar for English language courses under Tier 4 from A2 (beginner) to B2 (intermediate)
- English language testing for those studying below degree level & not from majority English language speaking country
- Students studying below degree, except foundation degrees, only able to work 10 hours per week during term – time. Their dependents not permitted to work at all
- Preventing students studying on courses of six months or less from having their dependants in the UK
- Limiting the delivery of NQF level 3 courses to the new category of Highly Trusted Sponsor (HTS) only
- Limiting the delivery of courses with work placements below degree level (excluding foundation degrees) to the new category of HTS.
- HTS status shown on Sponsor Register (Internal and External)



Tier 1 – Post Study Work

Purpose:

The Tier 1 (Post-Study Work) category aims to retain the most able international graduates who have studied in the United Kingdom.

Successful applicants will be free to seek employment without having a sponsor.

Overarching Criteria:

In order to be granted leave under Tier 1 Post study a migrant must score 75 points in 4 attributes areas and a further 10 points in each English language and maintenance.

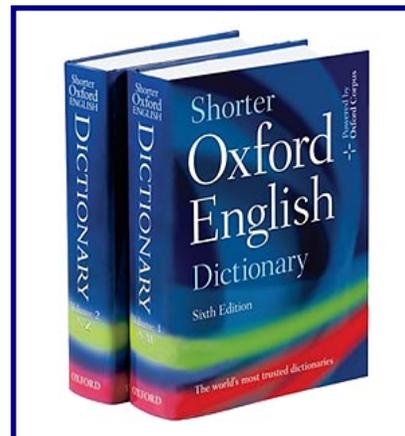
Attributes:

Qualification – 20 points

Immigration status – 20 points

Institution – 20 points

Date of award – 15 points



What next?

Minister's Speech – 6th September 2010

"I want a student visa system which encourages the entry of legitimate students coming to study legitimate courses. For me that certainly means students coming to study at universities, students who are equipped to study the courses to which they have subscribed and who fulfil their academic obligations, students who at the end of their period of leave return to their country of origin."

"We need to solve two problems simultaneously. We need not just to cut the numbers, but to make sure we gain maximum benefits from those in the new smaller pool of immigrants."



Damian Green
Minister of State for Immigration

"The real question though, to address the title of this speech directly, is not how many, or where are they from. It is how can Britain benefit most from immigration? What controls do we need to maximise those benefits and minimise the strains?"

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