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Visa Applications after 31st March 2010

Due to the introduction of the Points Based System at the end of March, we need to know which visa students are applying for.

When you send us your enrolment form, please let us know if you wish to apply for a General Student Visa (GSV) or a Student Visitor Visa (SVV). If you wish to apply for a GSV, you must send us proof of your level of English.

General Student Visas

A GSV allows you to

- work part time (maximum 20 hours a week during the course, and full time during holiday periods)
- extend your stay by applying while in the UK. (You do not have to return to your country to apply for an extension to stay). The maximum length of stay is 3 years.
- bring dependants (such as a partner or children) to the UK

To apply for a GSV you must

- be aged 16 or over
- have at least Intermediate level of English. Please send us proof of your level of English. This proof can be a photocopy of *one* of the following:
 - a) a secondary school attendance record or leaving certificate showing that you attended English classes for at least 3 years
 - b) a secondary school examination certificate which mentions your level of English. This must be the equivalent of the English GCSE examination (which UK students normally take at the age of 16)

c) an attendance certificate from evening classes which mentions your level of English

d) an internationally recognised certificate in English (eg Cambridge ESOL exams- KET, PET, IELTS, etc)

e) a reference letter from an appropriately qualified person confirming that you have studied English. This reference letter must include:

- the name of the English course you took
- the dates of the course
- the name of the referee
- the contact details for the referee
- your level of English
- your ability to follow the course you wish to take at Purley Language College

f) a college or university certificate showing you attended an English course and your level of English.

Student Visitor Visa

The SVV

- is valid for a maximum of 6 months
- is for students who wish to take a short course and then return home to their country
- does not allow students to apply for visa extensions while they are in England. If you have a Student Visitor Visa and wish to apply for a visa extension you must return to your country and apply from there. Beginner level students can only apply for this visa. If your English is beginner level, you cannot apply for a GSV.

For further, more detailed, information on these visas please visit www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/studyingintheuk/

