

## Student visa chaos 英国学生签证混乱

Vocabulary: *studying abroad* 海外留学

Is it right to tell students to pack their bags and leave the UK halfway through their **degree courses**?

Up to 2,700 **overseas students** have to leave the country or find an alternative course by 1 December, after a British university has been **stripped of** the right to **recruit** international students. London Metropolitan University is no longer allowed to authorise visas for students outside the European Union after its **licence** was **revoked**.



The UK Border Agency made this controversial decision after it found that London Metropolitan University has not taken adequate measures to ensure **applicants** are **genuine** students. It claims that more than a quarter of the 101 students **sampled** have no right to remain in the UK and that there isn't proper evidence to show students have reached a **satisfactory** level of English. It says there are also **attendance monitoring** issues, which means it is impossible to know whether students are **turning up** for **lectures**.

The UK Border Agency's decision has been widely criticised for damaging the reputation of the UK's universities and disrupting **legitimate** students. Donna Marie Winstanley, from Hong Kong, doesn't know whether she'll be allowed to finish her university course: "If you have studied in London, you are more likely to get a better job in Asia. (...) I've already paid around £16,000 in **fees** and was preparing to pay just over £8,000 for this year's fees."

MPs have called on Immigration Minister Damian Green to allow existing students to finish their degree courses, but Mr Green said he would "enforce the rules". Some prioritise a **crackdown** on illegal immigration while others think current students should be allowed to stay: which **school of thought** do you subscribe to?

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## Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. True, false, or not given? "Hundreds of students have to leave the UK or find a course at another institution."
2. Find two verbs in the article that mean 'to take away'.
3. What did the UK Border Agency decide to do?
4. Why is this decision controversial?
5. Which word in the article means 'a strict enforcement of rules'?

## Exercise 练习

请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. What \_\_\_\_\_ course did you apply for?

degrees	grade	degree	school
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2. Your work is not \_\_\_\_\_. You're going to have to study a lot harder if you want to get good grades.

legitimate	applicant	genuine	satisfactory
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3. I can't wait to pass my driving test and get my driving \_\_\_\_\_!

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4. I can't believe they charge a \_\_\_\_\_ to use the toilet. That's ridiculous!

visa	degree	sample	fee
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5. There has been a \_\_\_\_\_ on the crime of car theft.

crackdown	crack	cracked down	downcrack
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## **Answers and Glossary** 答案与词汇

### **Quiz** 小测验

1. True, false, or not given? "Hundreds of students have to leave the UK or find a course at another institution." False. Thousands of students (up to 2,700) have to leave the UK or find a course at another institution.
2. Find two verbs in the article that mean 'to take away'. To strip of, to revoke.
3. What did the UK Border Agency decide to do? The UK Border Agency decided to revoke London Metropolitan University's licence to recruit overseas students.
4. Why is this decision controversial? Some people disagree with the decision and think current students should be allowed to finish their courses. They also think this will damage the reputation of the UK's universities.
5. Which word in the article means 'a strict enforcement of rules'? A crackdown.

### **Exercise** 练习

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3. I can't wait to pass my driving test and get my driving licence!
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## Glossary 词汇表

<b>degree courses</b>	大学课程
<b>overseas students</b>	海外学生
<b>to strip of</b>	取消
<b>to recruit</b>	招收, 招聘
<b>a licence</b>	一个执照
<b>to revoke</b>	撤销, 废除
<b>an applicant</b>	一名申请人
<b>genuine</b>	真正的
<b>to sample</b>	采样本
<b>satisfactory</b>	满意的
<b>attendance monitoring</b>	考勤, 出勤率考察
<b>to turn up</b>	出席
<b>a lecture</b>	一堂讲座
<b>legitimate</b>	合法的
<b>fees</b>	费用
<b>crackdown</b>	镇压
<b>school of thought</b>	思想学派