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**Institute of Student Employers responds to reversal of student visa rules**

Institute of Student Employers' (ISE) responds to Home Office announcement to allow international students to remain in the UK for two years after graduation to find work. This overturns Theresa May's move to force overseas students to leave four months after finishing a degree.

Stephen Isherwood, Chief Executive of ISE said: "We welcome the news that the two-year post study visa is to be reinstated. Employers operate in a global economy and it is important that our universities reflect this by attracting the best international talent.

"A visa system that is competitive is a key tool in enabling our universities to compete globally. It also enhances opportunities for our home-grown talent by having more international programmes based in the UK as well as helps them to develop a global mindset through exposure to an international community on campus.

"We look forward to hearing more detail on how the system will operate and when it will come into force to minimise confusion with employers, students and universities."

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**About the Institute of Student Employers (ISE)**

ISE, formerly Association of Graduate Recruiters, is the recognised national voice for UK employers that recruit and develop graduates, school leavers, interns, placement students and apprentices. The independent, not-for-profit organisation has more than 750 members from both the public and private sectors, uniting employers with universities, colleges, schools and industry suppliers.

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