

Letters of Expected Successful Completion

Why have I been asked to provide a Letter of Expected Successful Completion (LESC)?

If you are applying for a course at the University of Bath and have not yet completed your current course of UK study, you will be required to provide the Student Immigration Service with a LESL. Most commonly, this will be when applying for a PhD / doctoral programme when your master's course has not yet been awarded.

What is a LESL?

A LESL is an official letter from your current sponsor explicitly stating that, based on your current progress, you are expected to complete your course successfully. It should also include the date your award will likely be given.

My current course is at the University of Bath. Do I still need a LESL?

Yes, even if Bath is your current Student / Tier 4 visa sponsor, you will still need to request a LESL and provide a copy of it to the Student Immigration Service.

How do I get a LESL?

You will need to request on from your current sponsor. Please ensure that it includes the key information outlined above.

If you are a current student at the University of Bath, you can request a LESL by contacting us at studentimmigrationservice@bath.ac.uk. We can only produce the letter when you have finished and received the results from the taught part of your course.

I will be applying for my new visa from outside of the UK. Do I still need a LESL?

Yes – whilst you are not required to demonstrate academic progression when making a visa application overseas, as your sponsor we are still required to have the information on our records.