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Not just Tier 4 headaches. How other aspects of migration rules and practice impact on some sectors of the education industry

1. A GSV is only available to students already at B1 level and working towards B2.
2. UKBA has withdrawn the level concession for government-funded scholars.
3. The requirement for students to make progress can actually prevent academically sensible decisions.
4. A perfectly sound and well-tested accreditation scheme has been derecognised and an extremely expensive alternative of no greater merit has been forced on us.
5. The move to interviewing T4 applicants is bound to end in disaster.
6. Turning to non-T4 students, we object to the need for a SVV at all
7. As a result of this pointless rule people with valid pre-existing VV of other types are not allowed to study
8. There is a fundamental illogicality in having the same GSV rules for VN and NVN.
9. The ESVV is useful but flawed and uncertain.
10. The withdrawal of all rights to work for private sector ELT is negative.
11. The cost and complexity of the application process is a problem, as is the fact that for many – but not all – types of visa you cannot change visa type without returning home.
12. The requirement for us to develop a real in-depth understanding of the visa rules is onerous.
13. UKBA requires institutions to misallocate resources.
14. UKBA makes mistakes all the time and is notoriously slow and inefficient, but towards sponsors it applies zero tolerance.
15. Students are being deterred from coming to the UK to study at university because of the ridiculous time it takes to get a visa extension.
16. Students suffer discourtesy and worse on arrival.
17. In the process of getting rid of bogus colleges – a move we all support I am sure – UKBA has gone far too far, creating a climate of fear that Robespierre or Stalin would have envied.
18. One result is that we have come to see UKBA as some sort of enemy.
19. The global PR impact is a disaster.

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