



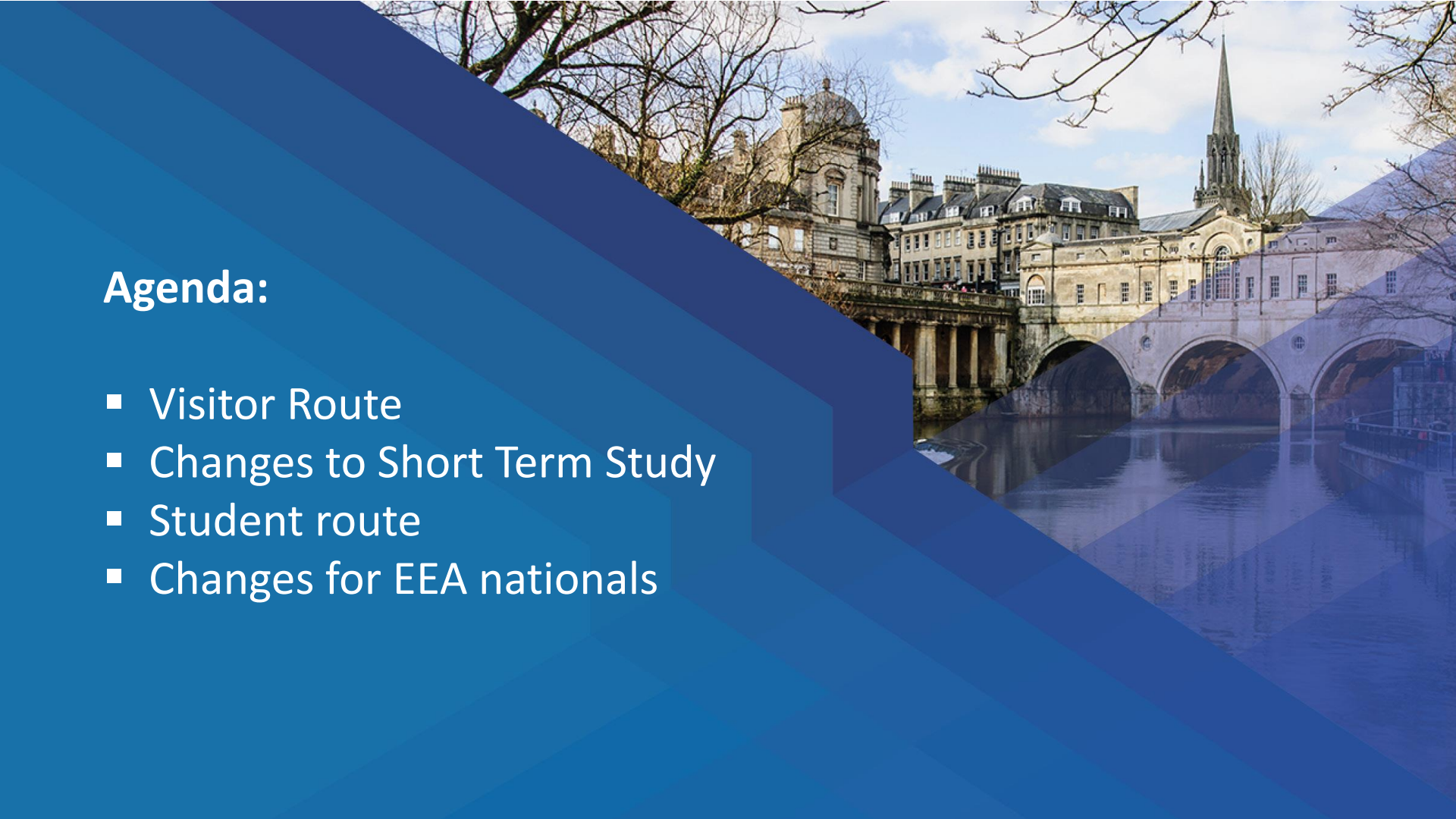
UK IMMIGRATION UPDATE

UK Compliance Team

December 2020

Agenda:

- Visitor Route
- Changes to Short Term Study
- Student route
- Changes for EEA nationals



VISITOR ROUTE

- New visitor route launched on 1st December 2020
- Replaces Short Term Study for courses less than 6 months
- Students can study up to 6 months on visitor visa
- Can join multiple courses as long as no more than 6 months in total
- Do not need to have an offer when they apply – walk-ins allowed
- Can study up to 6 months if arriving via Ireland
- No work allowed
- Cannot extend in the UK or switch into other routes
- Nationals of Kuwait, Oman, Qatar or the United Arab Emirates can use Electronic Visa Waiver (EVW)

VISITOR ROUTE

Required Documents:

- Passport
- Bank statements or payslips to show enough money to pay for trip – can also use somebody else's statement
- Accommodation details
- Unconditional offer /course acceptance letter
- U18s only: parental consent letter and details of care arrangements

VISITOR ROUTE – HOW TO APPLY

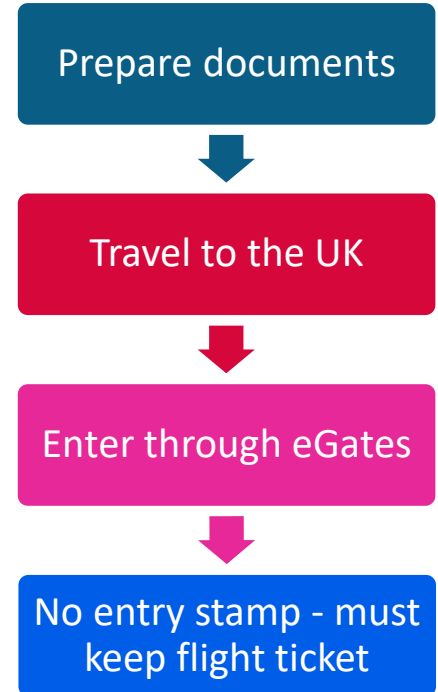
VISA NATIONALS



NON-VISA NATIONALS



E-GATES (inc. EEA students)



SHORT-TERM STUDY

- No longer available for up to 6 months – replaced by Visitor route
- 6-11 month visa for English Language only
- All students need to apply from their own country
- Will receive 30-day entry clearance visa in passport and collect BRP from post office on arrival
- Must have booked their course before applying
- Must intend to leave the UK 30 days after course end date, or visa expiry date, whichever comes first.....UNLESS student stated their intention to extend at time of application
- No work allowed
- Cannot extend or switch in to Student Route in the UK

STUDENT ROUTE

- Tier 4 (General) and Tier 4 (Child) have been replaced by ***Student*** and ***Child Student***.
- Only **Edinburgh** school has a Student sponsor licence
- New ways of meeting English Language requirement:
 - Met in a previous application
 - Degree level qualification taught in English
 - English Language or English Literature GCSE, A-Level, or Scottish higher taken in UK while under 18
 - Switching from Tier 4 child/child student no longer automatically meets the requirement
- No financial evidence required if applying in the UK after 12 months
- Living costs increase: **£1,023** per month outside London, **£1,334** in London
- Students at all providers can extend in the UK as long as they meet all other requirements

CHANGES FOR EEA NATIONALS

- Brexit transition period ends on **31st December 2020 at 11pm**
- EEA nationals who arrive in UK before this can study and work as normal but need to apply for the EU Settlement Scheme by **30th June 2020** to stay long-term
- Anyone arriving after this date will be subject to immigration controls
- EEA nationals can enter through eGates and will enter as a visitor for 6 months
- EEA nationals who want to study over 6 months will need to apply for a Short Term Study (6-11) months visa or apply for the Student route
- EEA nationals applying for Student or Short Term Study route will not receive an entry clearance and BRP – they will have an online status

ANY QUESTIONS?

