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2024 Wrap-up Report

Latest insights into the top study destinations' latest immigration policies.

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Canada



UK



Australia



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- Students earning a degree in a STEM discipline might qualify for a 24-month extension of their Post-Completion Optional Practical Training (OPT), allowing for 36 months of post-OPT.
- Applicants for F, M, and J visas will now undergo tighter scrutiny to improve data accuracy and streamline the visa process.



UK

- Graduate route students are no longer permitted to bring their family members. Only those enrolled in research programs or courses lasting 12 months or more are eligible to bring dependents.
- Starting January 2025, the monthly financial requirement will increase by over 11%, with students studying in London needing to provide £1,483 per month (INR 1,62,722.62) and those outside of London needing £1,136 per month (INR 1,24,647.94).



Australia

- With the introduction of the Genuine Student (GS) requirement, Australia strengthened its Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE).
- The country announced enhanced post-study work rights for specific qualifications:
 - Up to 4 years for Bachelor's degree
 - Up to 5 years for a Master's degree
 - Up to 6 years for a Doctoral degree
- The government introduced a National Planning Level (NPL) cap. From 2025, 270,000 new international student commencements will be permitted annually.



Canada

- Study permits issued in Canada will be limited to 437,000 starting from 2025, down from the 2024 target of 485,000, and will remain the same in 2026.
- The Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC) requirement for Indian students increased to CA\$20,635 (₹ 12.83 lakhs), twice the previous amount.
- Canada announced the closure of its Student Direct Stream (SDS) program for students from 14 countries.





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