

## **GB UK Study Visa via Diploma-to-Degree Pathway (Step-by-Step Process)**

### **Step 1: Initial Consultation & Eligibility Check**

- Evaluate client's:
  - Educational background (Intermediate/BA/BCom/etc.), English language level
  - Financial situation, Future academic goals (desired course & field)
- Confirm client interest in **2-step route**:
  1. **UK Distance Learning Diploma**
  2. **Progression to UK University Degree (on-campus)**

### **Step 2: Enrolment in UK Diploma Program (Distance Learning)**

#### **Consultant Responsibilities:**

- Offer available **Level 3 / 4 / 5 / 6 Diploma programs** from recognized UK awarding bodies (e.g., ATHE, OTHM, Qualifi).
- Match diploma level based on student's prior education:
  - **Level 3** → for Matric/Intermediate holders
  - **Level 4/5** → for Bachelor-level applicants
  - **Level 7** → For Masters and Masters Research
- Handle registration and enrollment

#### **Client Responsibilities:**

- Submit required documents:
  - CNIC / Passport, Educational certificates, CV, Photograph
- Make payment for diploma registration

### **Step 3: Complete Diploma Modules (Remotely)**

- Student completes coursework online (self-paced)
- Consultant provides ongoing support if needed
- Fast-track options: some diplomas can be completed in **2–3 months**

### **Step 4: Apply for University Top-Up Program (On-Campus in UK)**

#### **Consultant Responsibilities:**

- Shortlist UK universities offering **top-up degrees** for the diploma level
  - e.g., after Level 4/5 → apply for final year of Bachelor's
  - after Level 7 → apply for MBA Top-Up
- Assist in university application and submission of required documents
- Secure a **Conditional Offer Letter**, then a **CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies)**

**Client Responsibilities:**

- Approve course and university
- Pay application fees or deposit (if required)

**Step 5: Prepare for Student Visa Application**

**Client must show financial capacity:**

- Tuition balance (as per university offer)
- Living expenses:
  - **£1,334/month (London) or £1,023/month (outside London) for 9 months**

**Documents Needed:**

- Passport, Diploma certificates (Level 3/4/5/6/7), CAS letter, Bank statement (28-day maintenance), TB test certificate, Academic documents, IELTS UKVI

**Step 6: Visa Application Process**

**Consultant Responsibilities:**

- Guide on completing online visa form
- Assist in IHS (Immigration Health Surcharge) payment
- Book biometric appointment (VFS/TLS)
- Submit visa file and supporting documents

**Client Responsibilities:**

- Attend biometrics
- Provide all requested originals and documentation

**Step 7: Visa Decision**

- Standard decision: within **15 working days**
- Priority (optional): 5–7 days (with extra fee)

**Summary of Key Benefits:**

- Allows academically weak or lower-qualified students to **enter the UK education system gradually**
- Diploma is affordable, online, and fast-track
- Enables progression to **UK university with full student visa eligibility**
- Final qualification awarded by UK university