

Start Up route: Responsibilities and consent

Full Name:	
Warwick Student ID Number:	

Before we may offer you endorsement under the Start-Up route, we must obtain your consent to allow us (the University of Warwick) to:

- monitor your progress in establishing a business,
- share information relating to your business with the Home Office, where this is necessary for us to meet our responsibilities as an endorsing body.

Our (the University's) responsibilities:

The University's responsibilities are set out in the Government publication which can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/start-up-and-innovator-endorsing-bodies-guidance>

1. Stay in contact with the business founders you endorse. You can choose to do this as closely as you like but, as a minimum, we ask you to make contact at checkpoints after 6, 12 and (in the Innovator category) 24 months. This is to check that they are still making progress with their business ideas. (Be aware that Warwick has decided checkpoints will take place every 6 months)
2. Decide, at these checkpoints, whether you are satisfied that applicants are continuing to work on their business ventures. They should have demonstrated reasonable progress with their original ideas. If they are no longer pursuing their original business ideas, they must be pursuing new business ideas that are also innovative, viable and scalable
3. Withdraw your endorsement if, at these checkpoints, an applicant has not demonstrated the above. You should also consider withdrawing your endorsement if an applicant misses a checkpoint without your authorisation
4. Let us know if you have any reason to believe someone you have endorsed is working in breach of their visa conditions, although we will not ask you to actively police this. We will then investigate appropriately

Once an applicant achieves settlement in the UK or is no longer taking part in these categories for any other reason (such as leaving the UK or switching into a different visa category), you no longer need to monitor them as an endorsing body.

Your responsibilities:

1. You spend the majority of your time in the UK developing the business idea that you presented to the judging panel
2. You do not work as a doctor or dentist in training, nor as a professional sports person including as a sports coach
3. You do not claim any public funds

4. You register with the police if the instruction on your visa/biometric residence permit tells you to do so
5. You understand that your visa may be curtailed if we withdraw our endorsement or the University loses its status as an endorsing body
6. You must be at least 18 years old
7. You provide the University with a copy of your current passport and visa and any subsequent changes to these
8. You keep in regular contact with the Enterprise Team, to include a minimum of one progress review meeting every 6 months. Should a progress review meeting be missed, you will rearrange another meeting within 5 working days. Failure to do this will result in a notification to the UKVI and the possibility of your visa being curtailed.
9. You must not be in the UK in breach of immigration laws, including (but not solely) working in the UK in breach of your conditions
10. If you have decided that you no longer wish to participate in the Start-Up route, you must inform Rebecca MacDonald (Tier4compliance@warwick.ac.uk) within 10 working days of your decision. In such cases, the University would need to withdraw its endorsement and report this to the Home Office, which would trigger the curtailment of your visa
11. On or before the expiry date of your leave in the Start-Up route, you must leave the UK or switch into another visa category from within the UK
12. That until your Start-Up route visa is granted, you do not undertake activities that can be classed as self-employment.
13. That you understand that the University will make a check that you have no outstanding debt to the University prior to an endorsement being made.
14. That you will keep the University up to date with your correspondence details at all times, and any changes to your name, passport number, BRP number.
15. That you will allow the University to monitor your progress in establishing a business and you will give them information about your progress upon their request
16. That you understand that the University will use the information obtained from your business progress meetings to comply with their Home Office obligations
17. That you have completed the online consent form giving permission for the University to carry out all duties regarding the Start-Up route
18. That you are the founders of your business, you are relying on your own business plans and have generated the ideas in the business plan or made a significant contribution to those ideas.
19. That you are responsible for executing the business plan.

Having read the above, if you are willing to provide your consent for us to carry out our responsibilities set out by the Home Office, please sign below, then print and upload to your consent form. Please note that you may withdraw your consent at any time by emailing Tier4compliance@warwick.ac.uk However, you should know that we will no longer be able to endorse you under the Start-Up scheme should you withdraw your consent as we will not be able to carry out our Home Office requirements.

Full Name (Printed):	
Signature:	
Date:	

