

Useful websites

General

British Council Hong Kong

www.britishcouncil.org.hk ; www.educationuk.org.hk

British Council China

www.britishcouncil.org.cn ; www.educationuk.org.cn

The British Consulate – General in Hong Kong and Macao

www.britishconsulate.org.hk

Scottish Education and Training

www.educationukscotland.org

Welsh Education and Training

www.britishcouncil.org/wales

UKCISA: The Council for International Student Affairs

www.ukcisa.org.uk

(information on studying, working and living in the UK; fees; immigration and health advice)

The National Academic Recognition Information Centre for the United Kingdom (UK NARIC)

www.naric.org.uk

(comparability of international and UK qualifications)

Accreditation

Recognised UK degree awarding institutions

www.dcsf.gov.uk/recognisedukdegrees

Scholarships and financial assistance

www.britishcouncil.org.hk/scholarships

www.info.gov.hk/sfaa

Register of Sponsors

www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/employersandsponsors/pointsbasedsystem/registerofsponsorseducation

Working in the UK

www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/workingintheuk

www.ukcisa.org.uk/student/working_after.php

Student visa information**UK Border Agency (UKBA)**

www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/studyingintheuk

www.ukvisas.gov.uk/

UKBA information sheet for students

www.ukvisas.gov.uk/en/howtoapply/infs/inf29pbsstudent

Online application and appointment booking for students outside the UK

www.visa4uk.fco.gov.uk

Application forms for students within the UK

www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/pbs-new-forms-for-students

Institutions and courses

Independent schools

www.boardingschools.hobsons.com

www.boarding.org.uk

www.goodschoolsguide.co.uk

www.isbi.com

www.isc.co.uk

www.schoolsguidebook.co.uk

www.scis.org.uk

State Boarding Schools Association (SBSA)

www.sbsa.org.uk

Post-16 colleges

www.cife.org.uk

www.hero.ac.uk/uk/reference_and_subject_resources *(Choose 'Further Education resources')*

www.the-bac.org

Further education colleges

www.aoc.co.uk/ *(The Association of Colleges, in England, Wales and Northern Ireland)*

www.ascol.org.uk *(Association of Scotland's Colleges)*

www.cife.org.uk *(The Council for Independent Further Education)*

www.the-bac.org *(The British Accreditation Council for Independent Further and Higher Education)*

Learning English

www.britishcouncil.org/learning-english-gateway

www.englishuk.com

Short courses

www.floodlight.co.uk

www.hotcourses.com

Undergraduate

www.ucas.ac.uk *(Universities and Colleges Admissions Service)*

www.unistats.com *(Course search and comparison)*

www.admissionstests.cambridgeassessment.org.uk *(Admissions Tests)*

www.gamsatuk.org *(Graduate Medical School Admission Test)*

www.lnat.ac.uk *(National Admissions Test for Law)*

www.ukcat.ac.uk *(UK Clinical Aptitude Test)*

Postgraduate

www.mbaworld.com *(MBA)*

www.newroutephd.ac.uk *(New route PhD)*

www.postgrad.hobsons.com

www.prospect.ac.uk

www.unistats.com *(Course search and comparison)*

www.ukpass.ac.uk/

UK courses in HK

www.edb.gov.hk/ncr *(Education Bureau)*

www.educationuk.org.hk/tne

Useful websites

Quality assurance

School education

www.estyn.gov.uk

(Wales – inspections are done by Estyn, the office of Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales)

www.etini.gov.uk

(Northern Ireland – Education and Training Inspectorate)

www.hmie.gov.uk (Scotland – all schools are fully registered with the government and are regularly inspected by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education)

www.isc.co.uk (Independent Schools Council)

www.ofsted.gov.uk (England – Office for Standard in Education)

Independent Colleges

www.cife.org.uk (The Council for Independent Further Education – CIEF - voluntary)

www.the-bac.org (The British Accreditation Council for Independent Further and Higher Education – BAC – national accrediting body for independent further and higher education)

State further education colleges

www.etini.gov.uk (Northern Ireland – Education and Training Inspectorate)

www.hmie.gov.uk (Scotland – Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education)

www.ofsted.gov.uk (England – inspecting education and training for 16 to 19-year-olds in sixth form and further education colleges)

Undergraduate

www.qaa.ac.uk (Quality Assurance Agency – in the UK, it is illegal to offer degree or related qualifications without proper authorisation)

www.qaa.ac.uk/reviews/default.asp (Quality assessment reports)

Postgraduate

www.rae.ac.uk (Research Assessment Exercise)

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www.qaa.ac.uk/reviews (Quality assessment reports)

Examination boards and qualifications

www.aqa.org.uk (Assessment and Qualifications Alliance)

www.cie.org.uk/qualifications/academic/uppersec/preu
(Cambridge Pre-U Diploma)

www.edexcel.com (Edexcel)

www.ibo.org (International Baccalaureate)

www.ocr.org.uk (Oxford, Cambridge & RSA Examinations)

yp.direct.gov.uk/diplomas (Diplomas for students aged 14-19)

Performance

UK schools & colleges

www.dcsf.gov.uk/performancetables

www.guardian.co.uk/education/school-tables

www.timesonline.co.uk (Choose 'Education' under 'Life & Style', then 'GCSE and A-level')

Higher education institutions

www.hefce.ac.uk (Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE))

www.rae.ac.uk (Research Assessment Exercise)

University guide (non-official websites)

www.guardian.co.uk/education/universityguide

www.ft.com (Choose 'Business education' under 'Management', then 'Business school rankings')

www.timesonline.co.uk (Choose 'Education' under 'Life & Style', then 'Good University Guide')