

Dear <Name>

Thank you for your application to the University of Leeds to study <programme a>.

We have identified as part of your application that you have previously studied <NQF Level 7 programme b> at <Institution>. As you may be aware, the UKVI have recently changed the rules regarding progression to same level study. This is detailed as follows:

73. If your new course is at the same level as the previous course, it may exceptionally be considered to represent academic progression if the course is at degree level or above and your sponsor teaching the course is an HEI with Tier 4 Sponsor status and:

a. the new course is related to the previous course for which you were given Tier 4 leave (meaning that it is either connected to the previous course, part of the same subject group or involves deeper specialisation); or

b. your previous and new course combined, support your career aspirations.

([Tier 4 Policy Guidance](#) version 01/2019, page 23)

We have identified that in your situation we may be able to sponsor you under category b.

Please respond to this email detailing how the combination of <programme a> and <programme b> will support your career aspirations. Please include any evidence that supports your response. This could include:

- **A job description for the type of role/organisation you are interested in**
- **Careers advice from a website or publication**
- **Correspondence from a professional in the industry**

If your previous study was not under a Tier 4 (General) student visa, or equivalent, please inform us, including evidence of your alternative UK clearance, as these rules will not apply to you.

If you do not require sponsorship under a Tier 4 (General) student visa in order to study at the University of Leeds, please inform us as these rules do not apply to you.

Once we have received your response, we will review, based on the Tier 4 Policy, whether we are able to make you an offer.

We look forward to hearing from you.

University of Leeds