The Home Office (HO) operates a scheme enabling higher education institutions to ask for entry clearances to be rectified where incorrect lengths of visas have been given. This scheme can only be used to correct mistakes on entry clearances that were issued at posts abroad.

The length of visa given will depend on the supporting documents that you submitted and the type of course that you are studying. If you have been given a visa for a shorter period than those stated below, please make an appointment to come to see us. Please bring your passport with you to the appointment. If you are here with dependants please also bring their passports with you. If applicable, we will then contact the UKBA on your behalf. If a mistake has been made the HO will correct your entry clearance visa free of charge. However, please be aware that if you have official sponsorship and your sponsor limits the time you may study in the UK the student visa will be given for the same length of time.

If you obtained entry clearance (a visa) after 31st March 2009 and your papers were in order and you had an unconditional offer of a place you should have been given the follow time periods:

- If your course lasts **12 months** or more you should be given the length of your course plus four months.
- If your course is a **pre-sessional course** of less than 6 months you should be given the length of your course plus one month.
- If your course lasts **6 months or more, but less than 12 months** you should be given the length of your course plus two months.
- If your course last **less than 6 months** you should be given the length of your course plus 7 days

**Short term students:**

- Studying English or other course of 12 months or less but more than 6 months’ duration, should be granted to the end of the course plus 2 months (to end of the month);
- Studying a course of 6 months or less, should be granted to the end of the course plus up to a maximum of 7 days;
- Pre-sessional course of 6 months or less, should be granted to the end of the course plus up to a maximum of 1 month.
- Dependants of students should be granted the same period as the student.

If you obtained entry clearance (a visa) before 31st March 2009 and your papers were in order and you had an unconditional offer of a place you should have been given the follow time periods:

- Postgraduate students should be given the length of their course plus four months.
- Non-postgraduate students coming for courses of one academic year or more that finish in the summer should be given until 31st October following the end of their course.
- Non-postgraduate students coming for courses of one academic year or more that do not follow the standard autumn to summer pattern should be given the length of their course plus four months.