



Case study

Name: Ashlesh
Nationality: Indian
Course: MSc Advanced Management Practice, University of Bath School of Management (one-year MSc course with mandatory six-month placement)
Transition route: Tier 4 to Tier 2 (sponsored by a small company)

Describe your current job role

I did my placement at Activinstinct Ltd. For the first two months I worked in the finance department as a financial executive, after which I was offered the opportunity to work directly under the COO on a project-based role. As a result of this I had the opportunity to learn and gain expertise in a wide array of business activities in a very short period of time. Some of the things that I did over the span of my placement include: helped pioneer a new approach in the accounts department to gain operational efficiencies; assisted in organisation improvements in the warehouse; launched the company into three new countries (over a period of six months); worked with DATA Cash (a Mastercard Company) to reduce the fraud rate.

After the completion of my placement I was offered a permanent role in the company as an information officer, which I gladly accepted. The role mainly involves collecting, reviewing, supporting, maintaining and managing electronic information and assisting the senior management in the analysis of the information gathered, which in turn supports the company in making business and operational decisions.

How easy/difficult was the visa/transition process?

It was a straightforward process. Applicants who have recently graduated from a UK university are exempt from quite a few requirements. In my case I was only required to provide my Master's degree certificate and a Certificate of Sponsorship (COS), which had to be issued by my employer, along with my visa application form. Within two weeks of applying I got a call for my biometric scan and, once that was done, I received my Tier 2 work visa (BRP-Biometric Residence Permit) in four weeks.