

Dear Students

The Home Office has been ordered not to enforce or implement its decision to remove CECOS London College from its register of sponsors. This order was made today by Mr Justice Holman, sitting in the High Court of England and Wales.

The Home Office has agreed to re-issue the College with a sponsor licence number.

The Court's order was made in the course of the College's urgent claim for judicial review of the Home Office decision to withdraw the College's sponsor licence. The Court's order will remain in place until any further order of the High Court.

Where the Home Office withdraws the sponsor licence of a college, the Home Office would normally curtail to 60 days the leave to remain of students who have more than 6 months leave to run. While the Court's order is in force, this will not apply to students of CECOS London College. Their leave to remain will not be affected by the Home Office decision to withdraw the sponsor licence. If the Home Office were to issue such a decision, the student concerned is advised to contact the administration immediately. The College will then contact the Home Office to arrange withdrawal of that decision.

Students whose leave to remain is due to expire within the next month should contact the administration. In these cases, the College will contact the Home Office for permission to issue a visa letter to such students for their application for an extension of leave to remain.

The College is vigorously pursuing its judicial review of the Home Office decision to withdraw its licence. It is confident that its claim will lead to the reversal of the Home Office decision to withdraw the licence.

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