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VIRTUAL ONE-DAY **CONFERENCE**

VENUE: ZOOM (ONLINE)

A black, textured suitcase is shown from a slightly elevated angle. On top of the suitcase sits a small, clear plastic globe on a stand. To the left of the globe, a red passport is lying flat. The suitcase has silver zippers and black wheels.

Visa and immigration conference

Course outline

The BSA and BAISIS summer term visa and immigration conference enables delegates to hear directly from experts on the latest in visas and immigration relevant to the education sector. The summer term update addresses key issues from members at a crucial time of year for international student recruitment and sponsor management.

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Tuesday **20** May, 2025

SESSION

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09:30 – 09:45 **Welcome and update: immigration state of the nation**

A review of where we are now as a sector and what's to come.

- Kate Hollyer, Executive Director (Legal), BSA Group & Director (Solicitor), BSA Legal

09:45 – 10:30 **International student risks – fraud and scams**

This session will hear how different fraud and scam methods can impact international students, and how different cultural responses can impact the likelihood to report and ask for help.

- Damien Cranny, Fraud Protect Office, Dorset Police

10:30 – 10:45 **Break**

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10:45 – 11:30 **Educational guardianship: what's on the horizon**

This session will look at the latest developments in guardianship and will anticipate what the future will bring. It will include an outline of recent schemes developed by the BSA to support both schools and individual guardians. The panel of currently practicing guardians will then consider recent changes they have observed and consider what is on the horizon for the sector.

Chair: David Walker, Executive Director Boarding and Director BSA/TIOB, BSA Group

- Susan Fang, Founder, UK Guardianship
- Jonathan Sherry, Managing Director, Guardians International

11:30 – 11:45 **Break**

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11:45 – 12:30 **UK immigration digitisation update**

This session will look at the UK's transition to a digital immigration system: new processes to stay live to, implementation progress, common concerns we are hearing for schools and students and solutions.

Chair: Leigh Steer, Immigration Executive, BSA Group

- Kate Hollyer, Executive Director (Legal), BSA Group & Director (Solicitor), BSA Legal
- Andrew Steven, Director, I-GTM

12:30 – 13:30 **LUNCH**

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13:30 – 14:30 **Home Office: Policy and Operations update**

Hear from representatives of the Home Office Study Operations and Student Policy departments about the Child Student / Student visa routes and future developments, plus pose your questions to the team – an unmissable session!

Chair: Kate Hollyer, Executive Director (Legal), BSA Group & Director (Solicitor), BSA Legal

- Martyn Foulds, Engagement Team (Study) Team Leader, Study Operations, UK Visas and Immigration, Home Office
- Rachel Stark, Student Migration Policy Manager, UK Visas and Immigration, Home Office

14:30 – 14:45 **Break**

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14:45 – 15:45 **Legal update: UKVI compliance and Educational Oversight**

An overview of compliance trends and areas of focus from leading immigration expert.

Chair: Beth Hudson, Executive Director, Consultancy and Director, BAISIS/HIEDA

- Hazar El-Chamaa, Immigration Partner, Penningtons Manches Cooper LLP and Chair, ILPA

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15:45 – 16:15 **In conversation with immigration experts**

Put your questions to the legal panel and hear a round-up of the day.

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- Kate Hollyer, Executive Director (Legal), BSA Group & Director (Solicitor), BSA Legal
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16:15 **CLOSE OF CONFERENCE**



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