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FUTURE DATED VISAS AND TRANSITIONAL POST STUDY WORK INSTRUCTIONS

This advice is a refresher on previous advice to staff issued on 25 August 2017 and 19 January 2018.

The transitional post-study work visa instructions, WD3.5.5 Applicants who held a "Post-Study Work Visa – Open" on 26 November 2018, allow applicants who hold a current post-study work visa – open to apply for a further post-study work visa for two years.

Immigration officers who process post-study work visa applications under WD3.5.5 should use their discretion and assess whether it is appropriate to grant a visa with a future start date, keeping in mind the overall policy intent of the transitional post-study work instructions.

The ability to grant a future dated visa is provided in immigration instructions E3.10(c), which states that the start date of a visa may be the date of its grant, or a future or past date.