

Introducing the BSA Legal Sponsor Compliance Excellence Award

The **BSA Legal Sponsor Compliance Excellence (SCE) Award** recognises and celebrates excellence in student sponsor compliance, acknowledging schools that demonstrate exceptional commitment to maintaining high standards.

Objective of the BSA Legal Sponsor Compliance Excellence Award

The **BSA Legal SCE Award** is a significant milestone in recognising and promoting excellence in student sponsor compliance among independent schools. It aims to inspire and reward schools for meeting and exceeding sponsor compliance expectations, ensuring adherence to UKVI requirements, and fostering a culture of responsibility and accountability.

Developed by **BSA Group Legal Services Ltd**, a subsidiary of the BSA Group, this award sets the standard for the sector and motivates schools recruiting international students to achieve and maintain excellence in sponsor compliance.

Requirements

To qualify for the **BSA Legal SCE Award**, a sponsor must complete a **UKVI Sponsor Compliance Audit**. This involves a detailed review of the school's systems, processes, and standards during a one-day on-site visit. This includes educational oversight, student record keeping, right-to-study checks, and attendance monitoring.

The **BSA Legal SCE Award** will be evaluated based on these essential areas of compliance, mirroring those assessed in an actual Home Office inspection:

1. Monitoring immigration status
2. Maintaining student contact details
3. Record keeping and recruitment practices
4. Student tracking and monitoring (reporting)
5. General sponsor duties and safeguarding

Recipients of the **BSA Legal SCE Award** are schools that meet all requirements without notable breaches. Their staff actively pursue best practices and demonstrate a commitment to maintaining high standards of sponsor compliance.