

## **Guidance for international students**

### **Can I return home?**

Please let us know that you wish to return home by completing a request for a short-term absence via [MyLJMU](#).

### **Will my absence be reported to the UKVI?**

No, not in these exceptional circumstances. The Home Office have advised that they will not be taking any compliance action against students that are unable to attend their studies due to the coronavirus.

### **Do I need a letter from the university to return home?**

No, in these exceptional circumstances you do not need an authorised absence letter.

### **What do I do if my visa is expiring soon but I'm unable to travel home?**

The UK government has released [immigration guidance for everyone affected by Coronavirus travel restrictions](#). Please refer to this page for the latest advice.

### **Can I use my current visa to return to my studies at whatever point in future?**

Students who remain enrolled on an LJMU programme of study and have valid leave on their Tier 4 visa, will be able to return to the UK and their studies using their current visa.

### **I have decided to stay in the UK do I have to tell anybody?**

If you are not leaving the UK please make sure you follow the current COVID19 (coronavirus) guidance on the [university's website](#).

### **Do I still need to complete my face-to-face verification?**

No, we are looking at other methods for evidencing your engagement in your studies.

### **Can I submit my assessment from home?**

Yes, but we recognise that there may be issues with connectivity and we do not want any student to be disadvantaged. If you find yourself in this situation, please contact the module leader or another member of the teaching team to inform them of your difficulties. While they will not be able to resolve the issues, they will be able to register your situation and provide further guidance.

### **What does alternative assessment mean?**

Alternative assessment is simply a different method for assessing a module, for example, an essay instead of an exam. Please be reassured that all work submitted for assessment will be marked to the required academic standard and level as before.

### **I cannot find where to submit my assignment on Canvas**

Canvas can be accessed outside of the LJMU via the MyLJMU portal <https://my.ljmu.ac.uk>. Submission for all modules is in 'assignments' on the left hand menu of each Canvas module site. If no information is available please contact the module leader.

**Who do I contact for assessment support?**

If you need help with your assessment, please contact the academic who has set the assessment. If they are not available, please contact the module leader.

**What do I do if I am ill around the assessment deadline?**

If you are ill, please complete a personal circumstances form. Medical evidence will not be required.

**When will I get my feedback?**

Normally you would get your feedback in 15 working days. However, in exceptional circumstances there may be a delay. Please note that presentation of feedback may differ from standard practice.

**Will there be a graduation?**

The university will continue to take advice from public health professionals regarding the scheduling of core university activity that require people to congregate, such as graduation. Please check the website regularly.

**Where can I get further information?**

The UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA) is also continuing to work with the UK Government and local public health authorities to distribute appropriate guidance to UK international students. Please visit [UKCISA](https://www.ukcisa.org) for the most up-to-date information.