



Department for
Business, Energy
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EU Exit and Immigration



Immigration Dates

September 2018

The Migration Advisory Committee report on EEA workers in the UK

December 2018

The Immigration White Paper – ‘The UK’s future skills-based immigration system’

Spring 2019

Publication of the MAC Review of the Shortage Occupation List (SOL)

(Intention) March 2019

The Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Bill 2017-19 to receive Royal Assent



Future Immigration System – White Paper

- **Skilled workers route** will be open to highly skilled and skilled individuals. This will include:
 - Qualification Threshold - RQF3 (A-level equivalent) and above
 - Salary Threshold (currently set at £30,000, but to be determined following 12 months of engagement)
 - Potentially a lower salary threshold for occupations on the Shortage Occupations List
 - Sponsorship by an employer but no Resident Labour Market Test
 - No cap on numbers of skilled workers
 - Review on the administrative burdens to keep costs low
 - Nationals from low risk countries may apply for the skilled workers visa whilst in the UK
- **Temporary workers route**, as a transitional measure.
 - Allow people to come for a maximum of 12 months
 - A cooling off period of 12 months between stays
 - All skill levels, with the ability to move between employers and no sponsorship requirement
 - No access to benefits, ability to bring dependents or right to switch to other routes
 - Open to individuals from low-risk countries (which are still to be decided)
 - Review of temporary workers route by 2025



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- Introduction of an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA)
- Continue to invest in modern technology e.g. E-gates
- **Do not intend to require citizens of current EU Member States to obtain a visit visa.**
- Continuation of specialist routes e.g. Tier 1, Tier 5

- Extend post-study length of stay for International Students
 - Six-months post-study leave to all Master's students
 - Six-months post-study leave to all Bachelor's students at institutions with degree awarding powers
 - Students studying at Bachelor level and above can switch into the skilled workers route up to three months before the end of their course, and two years after graduation



EU Settlement Scheme

- **EU citizens protected by the agreement will continue to be able to work, study and establish a business in the UK as now.** EU citizens with settled status or pre-settled status may access healthcare, pensions and other benefits and services in the UK, as they do currently.
- We encourage you to communicate with your staff to inform them about the Settlement Scheme, encourage them to apply when the scheme is opened, and reassure them about their rights and status.



Future Immigration System – Home Office Engagement

- The Home Office will be conducting 12 months of engagement, supported by government departments. The areas they will specifically engaging on are:
 - The duration and cooling off period of the temporary workers route
 - Salary threshold of the skilled workers route
 - Salary thresholds for graduates entering skilled workers route
 - Administrative burden and costs, and sponsorship duties



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