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Immigration Rules

In July 2012, the Supreme Court gave two judgments relating to the Immigration Rules. These have important implications for some migrants whose applications under the Rules have been refused for reasons now shown to be unlawful. The judgments have also led to a great many new changes to the Immigration Rules. Two “Immigration Rules” information sheets provide further information.

The “Discretionary Leave” information sheet is also relevant to some of the recent changes to the Immigration Rules – particularly those relating to family migration and Article 8 (the right to respect for private and family life).

London Metropolitan University

In August 2012, the UK Border Agency revoked the licence of London Metropolitan University to sponsor non-European Economic Area international students to study in the UK. More information about the UK Border Agency decision and the implications for students is available at:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2012/august/32-LMU-student-info>

Travel Documents for Refugees and Stateless Persons

In October 2012, the fees for these travel documents are to be reduced. More information is available at:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsfragments/71-travel-doc-convention>

Other information relating to fees for various immigration applications is provided by the “Immigration Fees 2 – Exemptions” information sheet.

Legacy Cases

Nearly a year and a half after it had said it would deal with all the asylum legacy cases, the UK Border Agency still has not concluded many of these cases. Now it is working to no deadline, and has changed the way it deals with some of these cases. More information is provided by the “Legacy Cases 9” information sheet.

Family Tracing

In July 2012, the Court of Appeal gave judgment in the case of *KA (Afghanistan)*. This judgment relates to the tracing of lost family, and has important implications for separated child asylum-seekers. The “Family Tracing 2” information sheet provides further information.

Other new information sheets

In addition to those referred to above, this month there are available information sheets on “Deportation”, “Fresh Asylum and Human Rights Claims”, “Immigration Appeals – Appeal Rights”, “Higher Education & Student Support” and the “UK Border Agency Website – Archive”.