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## **Points based system**

There have been several recent announcements relating to Tier 1 of the points based system. From 30 June, Tier 1 has been rolled out for all highly skilled workers, entrepreneurs and investors who want to apply to come to the UK. The Highly Skilled Migrant Programme and some other categories under the Immigration Rules have from that date been closed. See:

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/tier1launch>  
<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/tier1generaldependantforms>  
<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/closureofhsmp>

## **Legacy cases**

On 4 June, the UK Border Agency adopted two new procedures. These relate to how and when the Case Resolution Directorate will contact individuals and their legal representatives; and how individuals and their legal representatives may contact the Directorate. More information is provided on legacy cases in three new information sheets on "Legacy Cases". This includes information on the new procedures.

## **Enforcement Business Plan 2008/09**

On 19 June, the UK Border Agency published "Enforcing the Deal". This document sets out key priorities of the Agency including to increase the number of illegal migrants removed from the UK; and developing local immigration teams and Immigration Crime Partnerships between the UK Border Agency, police, local authorities and other agencies. Key targets for 2008/09 are set out at Appendix C. The document is available at:

[http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/managingourborders/enforcementbusinessplan08\\_09/enforcementbusinessplan08\\_09.pdf?view=Binary](http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/managingourborders/enforcementbusinessplan08_09/enforcementbusinessplan08_09.pdf?view=Binary)

## **Visitors to the UK**

On 25 June, the Government announced changes to be made to the Immigration Rules relating to visitors to the UK. This is

a response to the consultation on visitors launched in December 2007 – see the January 2008 "Visitors to the UK" information sheet.

Among various changes, the Government plan to introduce a new sponsored family visa. This would mean that individuals in the UK would need to sponsor family members, if those family members wanted to visit. If the family members overstayed, the individual might face a ban on sponsoring any other visits, a fine or prison sentence.

Details of the Government announcement are available at:

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/firbutfairnewrulesforshortterm>

## **Economic impact of migration**

On 11 June, the Government made an announcement regarding the economic impact of migration. See:

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/economicimpactmigration>

## **Application forms for an extension of stay**

From 16 June these application forms have been amended so that some applicants and their dependants will now need to apply for a biometric immigration document along with the application for an extension of stay. Further information as to whom this affects and from when is available at:

<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/dependantchangeofilrms>

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