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Immigration Appeals

On 8 May, the UK Border Agency published the Government's response to the consultation on immigration appeals. The Government has decided to make changes, and more information about these is available from the "Immigration Appeals – Changes" information sheet.

Immigration Advice – regulation

On 14 May, the UK Border Agency published a consultation on proposals for changing the way immigration advisers are regulated. More information about this is available from the "Regulation of Immigration Advice" information sheet.

HSMP judgment

The May information sheet on "HSMP judgments" gave information about court decisions defeating the Government on changes it sought to impose in 2006 on migrants who had entered the highly skilled migrant programme prior to the changes being announced.

The UK Border Agency has made new arrangements in the light of the more recent of these judgments. Further information is available at:

<http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/hsmp-forum-09-arrangements>

Gurkhas

On 21 May, the Government announced new and improved rights for Gurkhas to be able to settle in the UK. Further information is available at:

<http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/gurkhas-right-to-settle>

Turkish nationals in the UK

On 29 May, the UK Border Agency announced changes to its policy on dependants of Turkish nationals who are lawfully in the UK. This change extends the definition of 'dependants' in line with the definition used in the points-based system that relates to students or workers coming to the UK. The following link gives more information; and also provides a further link

to more general information relating to Turkish nationals in the UK:

<http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsfragments/turkish-dependants>

Application forms

On 20 May, 22 May and 1 June the UK Border Agency made announcements about forms to be used for settlement applications, points-based system applications and European nationals' applications. These announcements are available at:

<http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/revised-set-o-form>

<http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsfragments/european-applications-june-09>

<http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/pbs-new-forms-for-students>

Legacy cases

The Case Resolution Directive has set up an online allocation finder. This allows someone to find which Case Resolution team is responsible for a legacy case by entering the Home Office reference. It also provides a postal address for the team. The allocation finder is available at:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/asylum/oldercases/who-is-processing-my-case/>

Glasgow Voluntary Returns Project

On 12 May, the UK Border Agency announced a new pilot project in Glasgow to begin in June. The pilot is intended to encourage asylum-seeking families who have been refused asylum to return to their home country. The announcement is available at:

http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/voluntary_returns_project

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