



International Student Recruitment: Understanding and Working with the Points Based Immigration System

A Public Policy Exchange Training Seminar

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International Student Recruitment:

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Overview

It is now more than two years since the most radical shake-up of Britain's immigration laws for nearly four decades came into force. The complex and often confusing legislation dating back to the 1971 Immigration Act was superseded by a "single, consistent and coherent framework" for dealing with potential immigrants.

As part of the immigration points-based system (PBS) implementation process, Tier 4 category regulations covering non-EU/EEA students came into force at the end of March 2009. With many colleges having already lost their sponsor's license during this first year of the new framework, the impact on education providers of all types across the UK has been profound.

Following a major public consultation, new measures designed to curb continuing widespread abuse of the student visa system have recently been announced. The proposed reforms seek to make entrance criteria tougher, introduce new limits on work entitlements and close the post-study work route.

With the international student market providing such a significant contribution economically, academically and culturally to this country's education sector, particularly universities, it is imperative that institutions are up to speed with the new system and are fully compliant with UK Border Agency procedures.

This special one-day training seminar, provides a timely opportunity for education providers, international student recruitment officers and advisers to understand the new immigration landscape and its impact on vetting, sponsoring and recruiting overseas students.

“ International students not only make a vital contribution to the UK economy but they also help make our education system one of the best in the world. But it has become very apparent that the old student visa regime failed to control immigration and failed to protect legitimate students from poor-quality colleges. The changes I am announcing today re-focus the student route as a temporary one, available to only the brightest and best. The new system is designed to ensure students come for a limited period, to study, not work, and make a positive contribution while they are here.

- Theresa May MP, Home Secretary, March 2011

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Why Attend?

- ✓ **Gain an overview of the new legislative framework and UKBA priorities**
- ✓ **Improve your understanding of the legal framework for international student recruitment**
- ✓ **Develop your understanding of the immigration points based system**
- ✓ **Learn how to work with the PBS in practice**
- ✓ **Ensure your institution is licensed and maintains compliance**

Who Should Attend?

- Overseas Student Recruitment Officers
- Accreditation Bodies
- Curriculum Authorities
- College and University Administrators
- Equal Opportunities Officers
- Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Practitioners
- Immigration Advisers
- Careers Advisers
- Employee Relations Advisers
- Legal Advisers
- Overseas Recruitment Agents
- Student Affairs and Welfare Bodies
- Funding Councils
- Research Councils
- HR Professionals
- Training Managers
- Recruitment Advisers
- Organisational Development Professionals
- Campaigning Organisations
- NHS Employers
- Local Authority Officers and Councillors
- Private Sectors Employers
- Public Sector Employers
- Small Business Owners
- Central Government Departments and Bodies
- Regulatory Bodies
- Citizen's Advice and Third Sector Practitioners
- Trade Union Representatives
- Academics

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Programme

- 09:30** Registration and Morning Refreshments
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- 10:15** Chair's Welcome and Introduction
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- 10:30** **The Government's Vision**
- Legislative Update
 - UK Border Agency Procedures and Priorities
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- 11:15** Morning Refreshments
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- 11:30** **The Legal Framework**
- Sponsoring and Recruiting International Students on Tier 4 Visas
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- 12:30** Lunch
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- 13:15** **Understanding and Working with the Points Based System I**
- The Role and Responsibilities of Highly Trusted Sponsors
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- 14:00** **Understanding and Working with the Points Based System II**
- The Practicalities of Sponsorship
 - Helping International Students Through the Visa Process
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- 14:30** Afternoon Refreshments
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- 14:45** **Case Study: Assessing the Impact on Universities, FE Colleges and Private Education Providers**
- Compliance: Identity Fraud and Document Checking
 - Record Keeping and Enabling the Statutory Excuse
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- 15:30** Final Questions and Chair's Closing Comments
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- 15:40** Networking Reception
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- 16:30** Close

Please note that the programme is subject to change without notice

Event Details

Date: Thursday 15th March 2012

Time: 10:15am – 4:30pm

Venue: Central London

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21st February 2012



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22nd February 2012

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Working in Partnership to Tackle the Sexual
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