



DO YOU NEED A VISA TO WORK IN THE UK?

If you are interested in applying for positions in the UK you will need to have a valid work permit. Individuals from countries outside the European Economic Area must be in possession of a work permit to allow them to take up employment.

As a Non-EU national if you wish to obtain a work permit without having first obtained a job offer and sponsorship from a UK company we suggest you contact UK Working who can provide preliminary advice and assistance - Tel: +44 (0) 1624 668 015 or visit their website at www.ukworking.com

Nationals from the following countries do not need a work permit to take up employment in the UK:

Austria – Belgium – Cyprus – Czech Republic – Denmark – Estonia – Finland
France – Germany – Greece – Hungary – Iceland – Ireland – Italy – Latvia
Liechtenstein – Lithuania – Luxembourg – Malta – Netherlands – Norway
Poland – Portugal – Slovakia – Slovenia – Spain – Sweden

European Community law grants EEA nationals a right to live and work in the United Kingdom. This is called a right of residence. For more information on immigration to the UK take a look at the website of the British Home Office www.homeoffice.gov.uk

From 1 May 2004 nationals from New EU Member States will be free to come to the United Kingdom.

Nationals from the following new member states; Poland, Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Hungary and the Czech Republic who find a job in the United Kingdom are required to apply to register with the Home Office under the new 'Worker Registration Scheme' as soon as they find work.

Nationals from Malta and Cyprus will have full free movement rights and are not required to obtain a workers registration certificate.

For more information please visit the Government's Working in the UK website.

The Home Office's Immigration & Nationality Directorate is responsible for immigration policy and the UK's on-entry and after-entry controls.

Therefore if you need more information about an immigration matter then we advise you to contact The Home Office's Immigration and Nationality Directorate in writing or by telephone:

Immigration and Nationality Directorate

Block C, Whitgift Centre, Wellesley Road, Croydon, CR9 1AT

Telephone numbers are as follows:

If the above information doesn't answer your query then call **0870 606 7766**

- For recorded information on overseas visitors, call **020 8760 1600**
- For recorded information on overseas students, call **020 8760 1622**
- For recorded information on work permit holders, call **020 8760 1644**
- For recorded information for employers, call **020 8649 7878**
- To order copies of leaflets, call **020 8649 7878**
- To ask for an application form, call **0870 241 0645**
- For return of passports, call **0870 608 1592**

Lines are open from 9am to 4.45pm Monday to Thursday, 9.30am to 4.30pm Friday.

