

Immigration Rules

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Immigration Rules: introduction

This contains an explanation of who's covered by the Immigration Rules, dates of effect and definitions/interpretations of the terms used.

The Home Secretary has made changes in the Rules laid down by him as to the practice to be followed in the administration of the Immigration Acts for regulating entry into and the stay of persons in the United Kingdom and contained in the statement laid before Parliament on 23 March 1990 (HC 251) (as amended). This statement contains the Rules as changed and replaces the provisions of HC 251 (as amended).

2. Immigration Officers, Entry Clearance Officers and all staff of the Home Office will carry out their duties without regard to the race, colour or religion of persons seeking to enter or remain in the United Kingdom.

3. In these Rules words importing the masculine gender include the feminine unless the contrary intention appears.

“Accompanying Person” in Appendix S2 Healthcare Visitor is a person with a healthcare right of entry and who is accompanying a patient (P) to the UK at the same time as P's entry into the UK, or who is joining P in the UK on a date after P's entry into the UK, for the purpose of providing P with care or support during their course of planned healthcare treatment.

“Accredited Institution” means an institution which is:

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- (a) the holder of a student sponsor licence; or
 - (b) the holder of valid accreditation from Accreditation UK, the Accreditation Body for Language Services (ABLS), the British Accreditation Council (BAC), or the **Accreditation Service for International Colleges (ASIC)**; or
 - (c) the holder of a valid and satisfactory full institutional inspection, review or audit by Estyn, Education Scotland, the Independent Schools Inspectorate, Office for Standards in Education, the Office for Students, the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education or the Education and Training Inspectorate Northern Ireland; or
 - (d) an overseas higher education institution offering only part of its programmes in the UK.