



August 2010 Newsletter 1

Welcome to our First Ever News Letter!!

NEW WEBSITE AND EMS LAUNCH www.statussolutionsuk.co.uk



So far 2010 has proved to be a very busy year for Status Solutions UK, and has seen the launch of

our Brand New Website incorporating an online Employee Management System which allows UK Based Employers to remain compliant with the Sponsorship Licence Guidelines.



Existing Clients not already using the Employee Management System are advised to contact Shabana or Jo to discuss how this can benefit their organisation and assist you as a Sponsor to remain compliant with the Sponsorship Licence conditions.

Status Solutions UK have received very positive feedback regarding the Employee Management System from current Users and Visiting Border and Immigration Agency Compliance Audit Officers.

UK BORDER AGENCY ANNOUNCE NEW ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

June 2010 the government announced plans to introduce compulsory English language tests for all non-European migrants applying to come to the UK to join or marry their settled partner.

On the 26TH July 2010 the UK Border Agency announced that these plans will be implemented from **29 November 2010**. From this date, any migrant who wants to enter or remain in the UK as the partner of a British citizen or a person settled here will need to show that they can speak and understand English, by taking an English language test with one of our approved test providers.

The new rules will apply to anyone applying as the husband, wife, civil partner, unmarried partner, same-sex partner, fiancé(e) or proposed civil partner of a British citizen or a person settled in this country. They will be compulsory for people applying from within the UK as well as visa applicants from overseas.

Further information can be obtained from Shabana on 01634 828 288 or by email shabana@statussolutionsuk.co.uk.

INTERIM LIMIT ON TIER 2 (GENERAL) CERTIFICATES OF SPONSORSHIP

The UK Border Agency has published guidance for the interim limit on Tier 2 (General) certificates of sponsorship, which comes into effect today. **This will affect all Tier 2 General Sponsorship Licence Holders.**

All sponsors affected by the introduction of the interim limit will receive a letter detailing their allocation and how it has been calculated.

The interim limit will be replaced by a permanent limit in April 2011.

You should contact our office immediately upon receipt of your interim limit from the UK Border Agency.

info@statussolutionsuk.co.uk

TIER 1 GENERAL POINTS CLARIFICATION

On 28 June the UK Border Agency announced that the pass mark for Tier 1 (General) will be increased from 95 points to 100 points as from



19 July. There has been a number of enquires regarding who will be affected by this change.

If you are in the UK in one of the following categories and are applying to extend your stay in Tier 1 (General), you will need to **score 95** points:

- ✓ Tier 1 (General)
- ✓ Highly Skilled Migrant Programme
- ✓ Writers, Composers and Artists
- ✓ Self-Employed Lawyers

If you are in the UK in any other category, for example Tier 1 (Post-study work), then you will need to score 100 points when you apply to switch into Tier 1 (General).

If you are applying from outside the UK, you will need to score 100 points.

REFUSALS BASED ON THE POINTS BASED SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE (FUNDS) REQUIREMENT

If you have been refused permission to enter or stay in the UK (known as 'entry clearance' and 'leave to remain') solely because you failed to meet the maintenance (funds) requirement of your points-based system application, you may wish to request a review of your case.

Following the judgments in the cases of Secretary of State for the Home Department v Pankina [2010] EWCA Civ 719, the UK Border Agency have put transitional arrangements and remedies in place for migrants who:

- ✓ Submitted applications abroad for entry clearance between 23 June and 22 July 2010 inclusive; or
- ✓ Submitted applications for leave to remain on or before 22 July 2010, when they had lawful status in the UK.

If an application was unsuccessful and submitted within the above timeframes, applicants can request a review of the original decision to refuse the application. Applicants have until 22 June 2011 to request a review.

BON VOYAGE:

It is with great sadness that we announce the departure of our long term Practice Manager, Paula Fish.

Paula Leaves Status Solutions UK, to become a **Lady of Leisure**. We would like to take this opportunity Thank Paula for her commitment to the company and wish her good health and happiness in retirement.

The position of Practice Manager will be filled by Claire MacLaren who joins us from the Health Care Industry. We are positive clients will find Claire highly approachable and join us in welcoming her as part of the team.

FEATURES!

Anyone who wishes to contribute to the news Letter should contact Jo Rogerson on 01634 828 288. We welcome contributions from all clients and would love to feature your experiences as Sponsorship Licence Holders.

Each Quarter we would like to feature an article from our clients, this can be from your experiences with Business Immigration or even just an introduction to your organisation (some free publicity/ marketing!!!!)

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