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**Indefinite leave to remain and dependants of visitors**

There are no provisions within the Immigration Rules to grant:

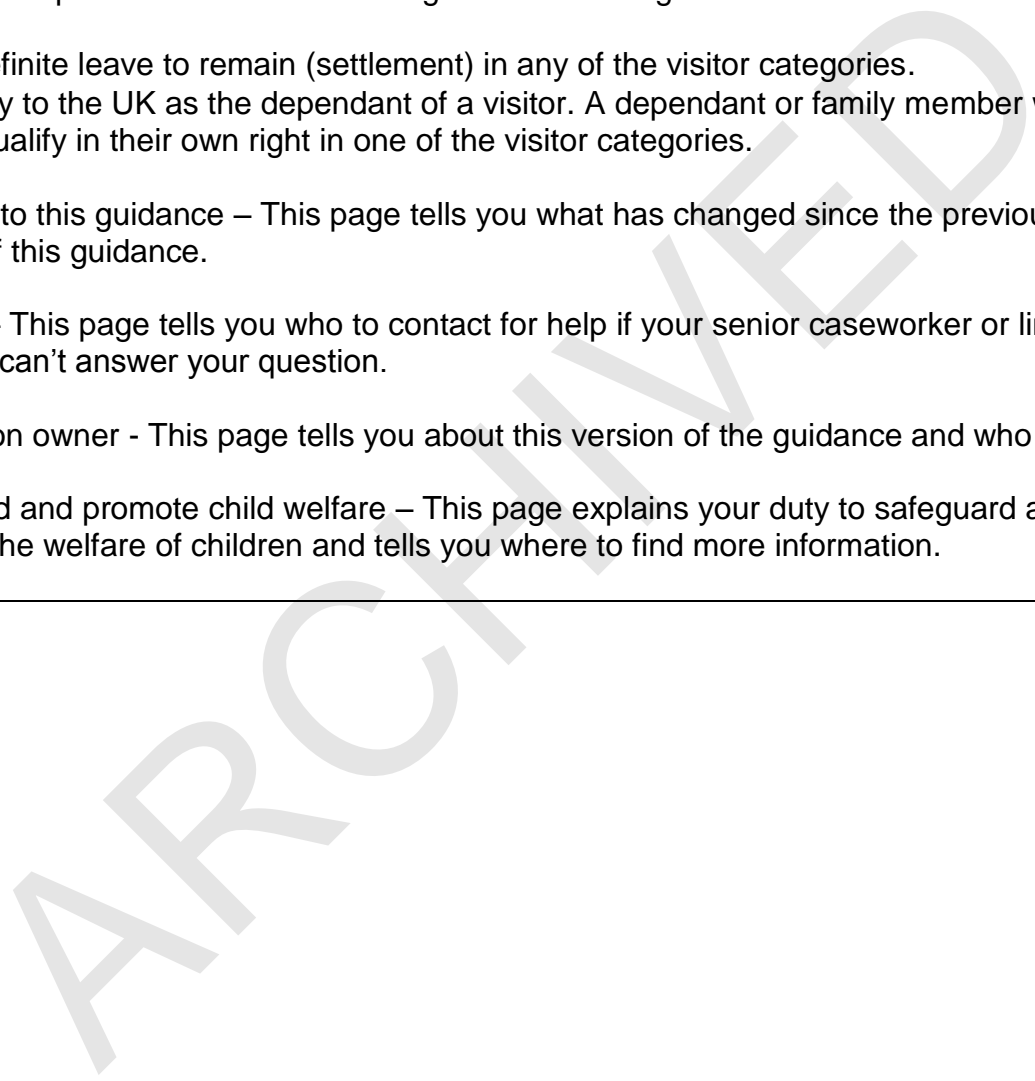
- Indefinite leave to remain (settlement) in any of the visitor categories.
- Entry to the UK as the dependant of a visitor. A dependant or family member will need to qualify in their own right in one of the visitor categories.

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## Key facts: Visitors undertaking permitted paid engagements

This page lists the key facts for visitors undertaking permitted paid engagements under paragraphs 56X-56Z of the Immigration Rules.

Category: Visitors undertaking permitted paid engagements	
Eligibility requirements	<p>The applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• be genuinely seeking entry as a visitor undertaking permitted paid engagements for the limited period they request but not exceeding one month</li><li>• intend to leave the UK at the end of their visit</li><li>• maintain and accommodate themselves without using public funds or taking employment other than is permitted by the pre-arranged paid engagement</li><li>• meet the cost of the return or onward journey</li><li>• intend to do one of the following pre-arranged permitted paid engagements evidenced by a formal invitation, and can show the engagement relates to their expertise and/or qualifications, and full-time occupation overseas:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ as a visiting examiner or assessor, highly qualified in their own field of expertise invited by a UK higher education institution or research or arts organisation, to examine students and/or participate or chair in selection panels as part of that institution or organisations quality assurance processes</li><li>○ as a visiting lecturer, invited by a UK higher education institution or UK research or arts organisation, to give one or a series of lectures in their field of expertise, provided this is not in a formal teaching role</li><li>○ as an overseas designated pilot examiner, to assess UK based pilots to make sure they meet the national aviation regulatory requirements of that country, this must be by invitation of an approved training organisation based in the UK that is regulated by the UK Civil Aviation Authority for that purpose</li><li>○ provide advocacy in a particular area of law as a qualified lawyer for the purposes of a court hearing, arbitration or other form of alternative dispute resolution for legal proceedings in the UK, at the invitation of a client in the UK or foreign based client</li><li>○ undertake an activity related to arts, entertainment or sports as a full-time professional, invited by a UK based arts or sports organisation, or broadcaster based in the UK.</li></ul></li></ul> <p>During their visit the applicant must not:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• intend to live in the UK for extended periods through frequent or successive visits</li> <li>• produce goods or provide services within the UK other than those permitted by the pre-arranged paid engagement</li> <li>• take employment other than as permitted by the pre-arranged paid engagement</li> <li>• intend to undertake a course of study</li> <li>• be a child under the age of 18</li> <li>• intend to marry or form a civil partnership</li> <li>• intend to give notice of a marriage or civil partnership</li> <li>• intend to receive private medical treatment</li> <li>• be in transit to a country outside the common travel area.</li> </ul>
Application forms	VAF1C For more information, see related link: <a href="#">How to apply</a> .
Cost of application:	See visa fees on: <a href="#">UK Visas and immigration fees</a>
Entry clearance mandatory?	Only for visa nationals.
Is biometric information required for applications made in the UK?	Yes for visa nationals
Code of leave to enter granted	Code 4 Statistical code PPE visitor
Entry clearance endorsements	D: VISIT: PPE: CODE 4 To work as (insert engagement) /with (name of organisation inviting)
Conditions of leave to enter	Specified employment only. No study allowed. No recourse to public funds.
How long is leave to enter normally granted for?	Up to one month
Are dependants allowed?	No – dependants must qualify as a visitor in their own right.
Work and study allowed?	Specified work allowed. No study allowed.
Is switching into this category allowed?	No
Does this category lead to settlement (indefinite leave to remain)?	No
Is knowledge of language and life required?	No
CID case type	Not applicable
Immigration Rules paragraphs	<a href="#">Immigration Rules – Part 2: paragraph 56X-56Z</a>
Is there a right of appeal for refused applications?	No

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### Changes to this guidance

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### Entry requirements

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- intend to leave the UK at the end their visit
- maintain and accommodate themselves and any dependants adequately:
  - out of resources available to them without recourse to public funds or taking employment, or
  - be maintained and/or accommodated by relatives or friends who can prove they are able and intend to do so, and are legally present in the UK, or will be at the time of their visit
- meet the cost of the return or onward journey
- intend to do one of the following pre-arranged permitted paid engagements evidenced by a formal invitation, and can show the engagement relates to their expertise and/or qualifications, and full-time occupation overseas:
  - as a visiting examiner or assessor, highly qualified in their own field of expertise invited by a UK higher education institution or research or arts organisation, to examine students and/or participate or chair in selection panels as part of that institution or organisation's quality assurance processes
  - as a visiting lecturer, invited by a UK higher education institution or UK research or arts organisation, to give one or a series of lectures in their field of expertise, provided this is not in a formal teaching role
  - as an overseas designated pilot examiner, to assess UK based pilots to make sure they meet the national aviation regulatory requirements of that country, this must be by invitation of an approved training organisation based in the UK that is regulated by the UK Civil Aviation Authority for that purpose
  - provide advocacy in a particular area of law as a qualified lawyer for the purposes of a court hearing, arbitration or other form of alternative dispute resolution for legal proceedings in the UK, at the invitation of a client in the UK or foreign based client
  - undertake an activity related to arts, entertainment or sports as a full-time professional, invited by a UK based arts or sports organisation, or broadcaster based in the UK.

During their visit the applicant must not:

- intend to live in the UK for extended periods through frequent or successive visits
- produce goods or provide services within the UK other than as permitted under the



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	<p>permitted paid engagement category</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• intend to undertake a course of study</li><li>• be a child under the age of 18</li><li>• intend to marry or form a civil partnership</li><li>• intend to give notice of a marriage or civil partnership</li><li>• intend to receive private medical treatment</li><li>• be in transit to a country outside the common travel area.</li></ul> <p>For more information on the different types of permitted paid engagements see the link on left: <a href="#">Specific types of permitted paid engagements.</a></p> <p><b>Requirements for an extension</b> As this is a short term route for a pre-arranged activity there is no provision in the Immigration Rules for an extension in the UK.</p>	
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### Specific types of permitted paid engagements

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### Visiting examiners or assessors

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- Scottish Funding Council.

We also accept:

- Richmond, the American International University in London, as an HEI because it is recognised in statute in the Education (Recognised Awards) (Richmond The American International University in London) Order 2006. For more information see related link: Home Office – sponsoring general students.
- The UK Foundation Programme Office as an HEI for sponsored students undertaking a recognised Foundation Programme for post graduate doctors.
- The Yorkshire and Humber Strategic Health Authority, as an HEI for sponsored students undertaking a recognised Foundation Programme for post graduate dentists.

#### **Other recognised organisations**

- publicly funded research institutions:
  - research organisations could include independent research organisations and those Research Council Funded Institutes
- museums (this must be the primary purpose of the venue)
- art galleries (where the primary purpose of the venue is to exhibit art as opposed to selling it or any other activity)
- arts centres, arts festivals, theatres and other arts venues.

#### **Evidence to be provided by applicants**

You must make sure the engagement relates to the applicant's expertise and/or qualifications, and full time profession overseas. In doing this you must consider their employment overseas, which must be in a field relevant to their engagement here.

Applicants must provide a copy of their invitation from an HEI, arts or research organisation as listed above. The invitation must show why the individual has been chosen to carry out the PPE (because of their skills or expertise), and must set out how the engagement links to the venue and how long the engagement is for. Other evidence could include publications by the applicant in their particular field of expertise or a letter from their employer confirming

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	<p>where they work and area of expertise.</p> <p>Where an academic is fully retired and carries out one-off examination work, this would not count as their full-time occupation and you must refuse their application. However, an individual who is semi-retired, carrying out regular examination work and earning income from this, will qualify under this route.</p> <p>Where the proposed activities include examining at a further education establishment, their application must be refused, as they must apply under Tier 2 to do this.</p> <p>For examples of independent research organisations and Research Council Institutes please see related links. These are not exhaustive lists but an invitation from an organisation on one of these lists will meet the requirements.</p>	
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### Visiting lecturers

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	<p>If an individual is invited to give a lecture at an HEI as part of a course this is acceptable, providing they are not replacing the formal role of the teacher of the course at the HEI.</p> <p>Visiting lecturers are not permitted to give lectures which would mean they undertake a formal teaching role. Where this is the case applicants must apply under the relevant tier of the points-based system.</p> <p>The nature of their lecture will, in the majority of cases, directly relate to the area in which they are employed overseas. In cases where they are coming to the UK to lecture on an unrelated area you must take care to verify the applicant's qualifications in this area, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• any previous employment or posts held in this area</li><li>• publications on the subject, or</li><li>• other recognised qualifications.</li></ul> <p><b>Definition of a UK HEI</b> A recognised body, or a body that receives public funding as an HEI from the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Department for Employment and Learning in Northern Ireland</li><li>• Higher Education Funding Council for England</li><li>• Higher Education Funding Council for Wales, or</li><li>• Scottish Funding Council.</li></ul> <p>We also accept:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Richmond, the American International University in London, as an HEI because it is recognised in statute in the Education (Recognised Awards) (Richmond The American International University in London) Order 2006. For more information see related link: Tier 4 (General) visa.</li><li>• The UK Foundation Programme Office as an HEI for sponsored students undertaking a recognised Foundation Programme for post graduate doctors.</li></ul>	
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### Designated air pilot examiner

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### Qualified lawyers

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- arbitration
- other alternative dispute resolution hearings, or
- certain tribunal hearings.

Evidence that can be provided is confirmation of the lawyer's right of audience (or 'temporary call') which would allow an overseas lawyer to represent a client in a UK court.

Lawyers can be expected to demonstrate their qualifications. It is common to show a practising certificate or certificate of good standing. This document will vary depending on the regulatory body involved.

Where the activity relates to other non-contentious work (and not dispute resolution work), they must be refused. This route is for legal work specifically relating to resolving disputes.

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### Arts, entertainment or sporting professionals

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- musicians
- visual artists
- writers
- circus practitioners
- film makers
- dancers
- choreographers, or
- photographers where this is being done for an artistic rather than commercial (such as media work or studio portraits) purpose.

Artists may be taking part in activities such as:

- judging panels
- giving lectures
- talking about, presenting or launching their work to other professionals or the public
- taking part in panel debates
- professional conferences.

For more information on up and coming writers, see related links.

Fashion models who are coming to the UK to undertake a specific engagement can use this route, providing they do not intend to base themselves in the UK long term.

**Evidence to be provided by the applicant**

Applicants must be able to provide documentation showing they have been invited by one of the above bodies in the UK, to undertake an engagement for no longer than one month. If it is likely their engagement will exceed this, the application must be refused. They must also provide documents to show they are an established arts, entertainment or sporting professional, this can be in the form of documents such as:

- publications
- publicity material for performances, screenings concerts, talks, readings and

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	<p>exhibitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• evidence of awards</li><li>• media coverage and reviews, or</li><li>• proof of recent performances.</li></ul>	
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## Visitors undertaking permitted paid engagements

### Granting or refusing

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### Grant or refuse entry clearance

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the applicant has not provided the required evidence that they meet all the requirements of paragraph 56X, or</li><li>• any of the general grounds for refusal in paragraph 320 apply.</li></ul> |  |
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## Visitors undertaking permitted paid engagements

### Grant or refuse entry at UK port

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Where the applicant is undertaking engagements with more than one inviting organisation, such as a lecturer coming to lecture at more than one university, it may be appropriate to list the inviting organisation as the umbrella term 'HEI'.

**Visa nationals**

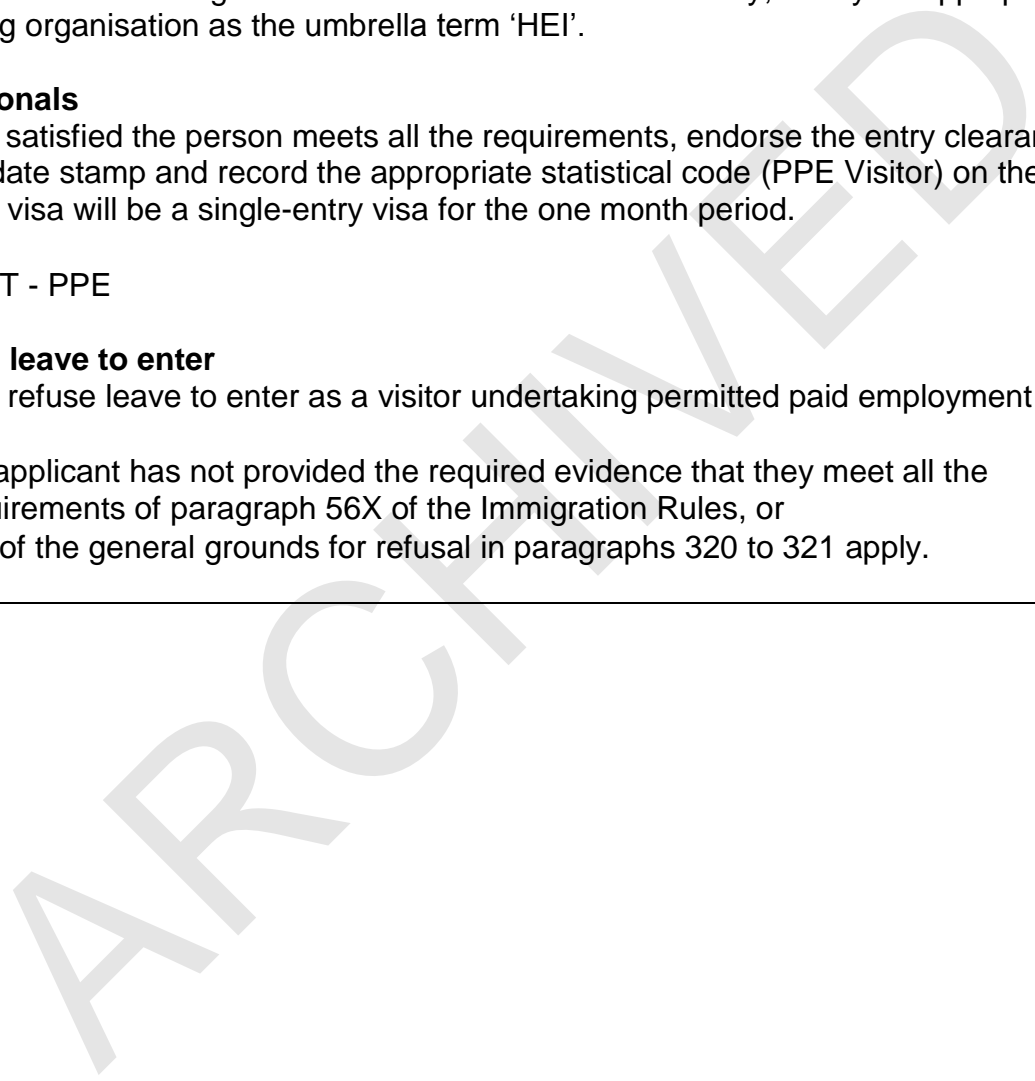
If you are satisfied the person meets all the requirements, endorse the entry clearance with an open date stamp and record the appropriate statistical code (PPE Visitor) on the landing card. The visa will be a single-entry visa for the one month period.

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**Refusing leave to enter**

You must refuse leave to enter as a visitor undertaking permitted paid employment if:

- the applicant has not provided the required evidence that they meet all the requirements of paragraph 56X of the Immigration Rules, or
- any of the general grounds for refusal in paragraphs 320 to 321 apply.

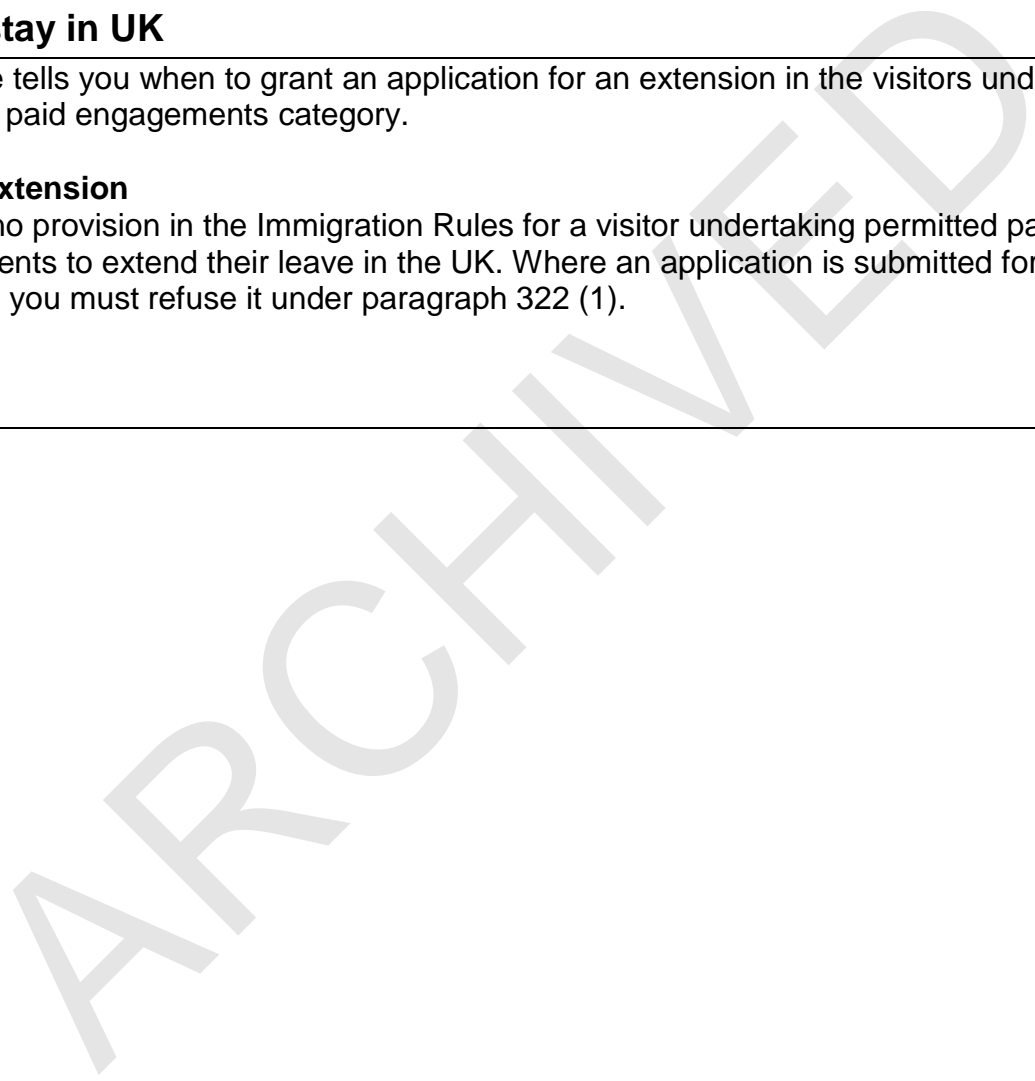


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### Grant or refuse extension of stay in UK

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