



# Statement of changes in Immigration Rules

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by the Secretary of State for the Home Department  
by Command of Her Majesty*

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## **STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN IMMIGRATION RULES**

The Home Secretary has made the changes hereinafter stated in the rules laid down by her 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 May 1994 (HC 395) as amended. The amending statements were laid before, or presented to, Parliament on 20 September 1994 (Cm 2663), 26 October 1995 (HC 797), 4 January 1996 (Cm 3073), 7 March 1996 (HC 274), 2 April 1996 (HC329), 30 August 1996 (Cm 3365), 31 October 1996 (HC 31), 27 February 1997 (HC 338), 29 May 1997 (Cm 3669), 5 June 1997 (HC 26), 30 July 1997 (HC 161), 11 May 1998 (Cm 3953), 8 October 1998 (Cm 4065), 18 November 1999 (HC 22), 28 July 2000 (HC 704), 20 September 2000 (Cm 4851), 27 August 2001 (Cm 5253), 16 April 2002 (HC 735), 27 August 2002 (Cm 5597), 7 November 2002 (HC 1301), 26 November 2002 (HC 104), 8 January 2003 (HC 180), 10 February 2003 (HC 389), 31 March 2003 (HC 538), 30 May 2003 (Cm 5829), 24 August 2003 (Cm 5949), 12 November 2003 (HC 1224), 17 December 2003 (HC 95), 12 January 2004 (HC 176), 26 February 2004 (HC 370), 31 March 2004 (HC 464), 29 April 2004 (HC523), 3 August 2004 (Cm 6297), 24 September 2004 (Cm 6339), 18 October 2004 (HC 1112), 20 December 2004 (HC 164), 11 January 2005 (HC 194), 7 February 2005 (HC 302), 22 February 2005 (HC 346), 24 March 2005 (HC 486), 15 June 2005 (HC 104), 12 July 2005 (HC 299), 24 October 2005 (HC 582), 9 November 2005 (HC 645), 21 November 2005 (HC 697), 19 December 2005 (HC 769), 23 January 2006 (HC 819), 1 March 2006 (HC 949), 30 March 2006 (HC 1016), 20 April 2006 (HC 1053), 19 July 2006 (HC 1337), 18 September 2006 (Cm 6918), 7 November 2006 (HC 1702), 11 December 2006 (HC 130), 19 March 2007 (HC 398), 3 April 2007 (Cm 7074), 4 April 2007 (Cm 7075), 7 November 2007 (HC 28), 13 November 2007 (HC 40), 19 November 2007 (HC 82), 6 February 2008 (HC 321), 17 March 2008 (HC 420), 9 June 2008 (HC 607), 10 July 2008 (HC 951), 15 July 2008 (HC 971), 4 November 2008 (HC 1113), 9 February 2009 (HC 227), 9 March 2009 (HC 314), 24 April 2009 (HC 413), 9 September 2009 (Cm 7701), 23 September 2009 (Cm 7711), 10 December 2009 (HC 120), 10 February 2010 (HC 367), 18 March 2010 (HC 439), 28 June 2010 (HC 59), 15 July 2010 (HC 96), 22 July 2010 (HC 382), 19 August 2010 (Cm 7929), 1 October 2010 (Cm 7944), 21 December 2010 (HC 698), 16 March 2011 (HC 863), 31 March 2011 (HC 908), 13 June 2011 (HC 1148), 19 July 2011 (HC 1436), 10 October 2011 (HC 1511), 7 November 2011 (HC 1622), 8 December 2011 (HC 1693), 20 December 2011 (HC 1719), 19 January 2012 (HC 1733), 15 March 2012 (HC 1888), 4 April 2012 (Cm 8337), 13 June 2012 (HC 194) and 9 July 2012 (HC 514), 19 July 2012 (Cm 8423), 5 September 2012 (HC 565) and 22 November 2012 (HC760), 12 December 2012 (HC 820), 20 December 2012 (HC 847), 30 January 2013 (HC 943), 7 February 2013 (HC 967), 11 March 2013 (HC 1038) and 14 March 2013 (HC 1039).

### **Implementation**

The changes set out in this Statement shall take effect on 30 April 2013.

### **Review**

Before the end of each review period, the Secretary of State undertakes to review all of the relevant Immigration Rules including any Relevant Rule amended or added by these changes. The Secretary of State will set out the conclusions of the review in a report and publish the report.

The report must in particular:

- a) consider each of the Relevant Rules and whether or not each Relevant Rule achieves its objectives and is still appropriate; and
- b) assess whether those objectives remain appropriate and, if so, the extent to which they could be achieved with a system that imposes less regulation.

“Review period” means:

- a) the period of five years beginning on 6 April 2012, and
- b) each successive period of five years.

If a report under this provision is published before the last day of the review period to which it relates, the following review period is to begin with the day on which that report is published.

“Relevant Rule” means an Immigration Rule which imposes a net burden (or cost) on business or civil society organisations.

## **Changes**

1. Delete paragraph A39 and substitute:

“A39. Any person from a country listed in Appendix T Part 1 making an application for entry clearance to come to the UK for more than six months or as a fiancé(e) or proposed civil partner applying for leave to enter under Section EC-P:Entry clearance as a partner under Appendix FM or leave to enter under paragraphs 290-291 in Part 8 of these Rules, must present, at the time of application, a valid medical certificate issued by a medical practitioner listed in Appendix T Part 2 confirming that they have undergone screening for active pulmonary tuberculosis and that this tuberculosis is not present in the applicant.”

2. In Appendix T Part 2 – list of screening clinics after “CHENNAI.” delete

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2 Maloney Road,  
T Nagar,  
Chennai 600017  
Tel: (044) 2434 6424/ 5881/ (044) 2432 2189”



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**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO  
THE STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN IMMIGRATION RULES  
PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT ON 9 APRIL 2013 (CM 8599)**

1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Home Office and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

**2. Purpose of the Instrument**

2.1. Incorporate compulsory screening for pulmonary tuberculosis for migrants coming to the UK as fiancé(e)s, from countries previously specified and remove a screening clinic in India from the list of authorised clinics.

**3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments or the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments**

3.1. This Statement amends the previous Statement of Changes (HC 967) which incorporated compulsory screening for pulmonary tuberculosis of migrants coming to the UK for more than six months from the Philippines and added two further authorised screening clinics in Malaysia. This Statement requires those applying as fiancé(e)s from the previously specified countries to undergo screening. This Statement also removes a previously authorised clinic in India.

3.2 With 1,034 applications in this category last year in the Asia Pacific region and 3,528 globally, this has been identified as an area of risk. Moreover, applicants in this category must demonstrate their intention to remain in the UK for longer than six months, meaning that introducing screening for this category conforms to medical guidance.

3.3 The removal of the named screening clinic in India follows advice from our Five Country Conference (FCC) partners as part of wider alignment with FCC on TB screening matters. All changes of this nature are required to be laid before Parliament post-*Alvi*.

3.4 These changes reflect a Government commitment to introduce pre-entry screening for tuberculosis in 82 countries. The relevant Written Ministerial Statement of the then Minister of State for Immigration, Damian Green, of 21 May 2011 is at <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2012/may/42-tb-test>.

3.5 These changes are being made outside the common commencement date but the issue of fiancé(e) applications has been identified as a gap in the current Rules, with associated risk to public health and this change seeks to resolve that.

**4. Legislative Context**

4.1. The Immigration Rules, as laid before Parliament by the Home Secretary, constitute a statement of practice to be followed in the administration of the Immigration Act 1971 for regulating entry into, and the stay of persons in, the United Kingdom.

4.2. This Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules will be incorporated into a consolidated version of the Immigration Rules, which can be found under the 'Policy and Law' page at [www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk) where there are also copies of all the Statements of Changes in Immigration Rules issued since May 2003.

4.3. The changes relating to fiancé(e)s and the screening clinic in India will take effect on 30 April 2013.

## **5. Territorial Extent and Application**

5.1. This instrument applies to all of the United Kingdom

## **6. European Convention on Human Rights**

6.1. As this Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules is subject to a negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

## **7. Policy Background**

7.1. The UK has had a longstanding policy of screening new entrants from high incidence tuberculosis countries intending to remain for over six months. Screening has been conducted at ports of entry and, since October 2005, pre-entry in some high incidence tuberculosis countries. On 21 May 2012 the government announced its intention to expand upon the pre-entry screening programme as that allows for more extensive screening. Entry clearance applicants intending to come to the UK for over six months from countries where pre-entry screening is available will be required to present a certificate from a designated screening provider confirming that screening has been conducted and that the applicant is not suffering from active pulmonary tuberculosis. Where tuberculosis is detected, the applicant will be required to undertake treatment and further screening before any entry clearance application can be made.

## **8. Consultation**

8.1. As the effect of these changes is to better reflect stated policy intentions these changes were not the subject of a formal consultation.

## **9. Guidance**

9.1. Where necessary guidance will be updated and placed on the Home Office website and regional Foreign and Commonwealth Office websites.

## **10. Impact**

10.1. These changes covered in this statement are minor and expected to be of limited impact, such that an impact assessment is unnecessary.

## **11. Regulating small business**

11.1. This Statement of Changes has no impact on small businesses.

## **12. Monitoring and review**

12.1. The review clauses at the beginning of this Statement of Changes require the Secretary of State to review the operation and effect of all of the relevant Immigration Rules, including any Rules amended or added by the changes in this Statement, and lay a report before Parliament within five years of 6 April 2012, and within every five years after that. Following each review the Secretary of State will decide whether the relevant

Immigration Rules should remain as they are, be revoked or be amended. A further Statement of Changes would be needed to revoke or amend the relevant Rules.

### **13. Contact**

13.1. Queries specifically regarding this Statement of Changes only should be addressed to Richard Postill at the Home Office on 020 7035 4057 or [Richard.Postill@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Richard.Postill@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk)

13.2. Other queries not related to this Statement of Changes, such as queries relating to individual cases, should be addressed as per the Contact page on the Home Office website at [www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/contact/](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/contact/).

13.3. Queries from applicants about their applications should NOT be addressed to the contacts above. Such queries should be addressed as directed by the Home Office website [www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/contact/](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/contact/).