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Information request

After 6 months on JSA, EU immigrants may be asked to show that they have a genuine chance of getting work. This change in legislation will come into effect in January 2015.

1. What is the definition of "genuine chance of getting work".
2. Does this apply for permanent residents in the UK (living here for more than 5 years)?
3. What is the work requirement in terms of minimum hours per week? For example if claimants have a 0 hour contract job and work under 16 h a week, is this classed as "work"?
4. Can you provide a copy of the handsard or the debate about the new legislation and point out where the legislation is to be found?
5. I have been working for one week, had to make a new claim as I moved house, does this apply to me as well or only to immigrants coming to the UK recently?
6. Can you provide name and email address of the regional manager for Jobcentre Plus Cardiff?

DWP response

The legislation referred to in the Fol came into force in January 2014.

The answer to questions 1 and 5 can be found in the guidance note at this link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/324534/m-15-14.pdf

The answer to questions 2 and 3 can be found in paragraphs 71260 – 71269 and 71202 – 71221 of the document at this link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/324553/dmgch0703.pdf

On question 4, there was no debate in Parliament on the legislation. The legislation is at this link:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2013/3032/contents/made>

On question 6, the contact details are:

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