

## **Level 1 Competence Assessment Changes**

### **Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner**

**RPC rating: validated**

#### **Description of proposal**

The regulator requires every candidate applying to become an OISC regulated immigration adviser to pass a Level 1 Competence Assessment. Before the recent change candidates had to pass a two-hour, two-part assessment without a break, and were required to retake the entire assessment if they failed one part. Such resits incurred a full assessment charge. This process has been replaced with a new assessment that covers the same two parts in three hours, with a thirty minute break in the middle. The change also allows candidates to resit – and pay for – the single half of the assessment they failed rather than resit the whole test and pay a full examination fee.

#### **Impacts of proposal**

The OISC estimates that the measure will affect all organisations wishing to recruit additional advisors and all new application organisations. The OISC estimates that the measure will lead to an increased pass rate for both first and second attempts. The regulator also expects the increased pass rate on the first attempt to allow for a quicker approval process, reducing the administrative burden on the OISC.

#### **Quality of submission**

The evidence provided is sufficient given the scale of the measure, and the RPC is able to validate an EANDCB of zero. The regulator could have improved the assessment by providing a greater level of detail on the policy's impacts on business.

The submission would also have benefitted from greater clarity in drafting, as the regulator incorrectly states the net present value of the policy and the BIT score at the end of the assessment.

#### **Departmental assessment**

Classification	Qualifying regulatory provision (OUT)
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Equivalent annual net direct cost to business (EANDCB)	-£0.1 million
Business net present value	£0.55 million

### RPC assessment

Classification	Qualifying Regulatory Provision (IN)
EANCB – RPC validated <sup>1</sup>	-£0.1 million
Business Impact Target (BIT) Score <sup>1</sup>	-£0.5 million



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<sup>1</sup> For reporting purposes, the RPC validates EANCB and BIT score figures to the nearest £100,000.