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Subject: Migrants Access to Benefit – measure 9

Action: For Information and action

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Background

Currently, migrants from the European Economic Area (EEA) who claim Jobseeker's Allowance Income based (JSA IB) from 1 January 2014 are given the right to reside for 6 months. Following this they are required to attend a Genuine Prospect of Work (GPoW) assessment with Jobcentre Plus who will decide whether they have a GPoW within the UK or an alternative right to reside. If they are found to have no GPoW or alternative right to reside their claim for JSA will be terminated.

To ensure that all EEA nationals are treated in the same way this is now being extended to EEA migrants who claimed JSA prior to 1 January 2014. This includes claimants who have been referred to the Work Programme.

Summary and action

From 9 February 2015 any EEA Migrant claiming JSA (IB) prior to 1 January 14 will be given three months' notice of their GPoW assessment. This will be a one-off exercise conducted over a period of weeks and the first GPoW assessments will commence in May 2015.

If it is decided that they do not have a GPoW or alternative right to reside their claim to JSA will be terminated. However, they are still free to look for and take up employment.

Once their claim has been terminated, it will no longer be mandatory for the participant to attend provision with you. No action is to be taken on their PRaP

record; they will effectively remain on provision and you will be expected to continue to work with them until the balance of their allotted time has ended.

Further information

All enquiries on the subject of this memo should be raised with your Performance Manager in the first instance.

Regards

Change, Policy and Planning Division