

The New Immigration System (effective from 30th June 2008) and its Implications for Employers

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The Government has announced this week that many of the existing immigration entry categories will be replaced globally from next Monday, 30th June 2008 by a new points-based system.

The new system will be substantially different to the old, particularly in areas where employers are now regarded as sponsors and have new associated responsibilities. Employers are also legally liable for employing staff who do not have the right to work in the UK, either knowingly or unknowingly and may face fines of up to £10,000 as well as being "named and shamed" by the Home Office.

ChinaLink has invited Alastair Woodward, Account Manager of the Sponsor Management Unit, UK Border Agency (Northwest Region) and his team to discuss the details of the new schemes and how they will affect employers in various sectors of the business community.

Under the new rules, the Tier 1 categories of General, Entrepreneur, Investor and Post Study Work will come into effect, replacing the following existing schemes:

Investors; Business People; the Highly Skilled Migrant Programme (HSMP); Innovators; the International Graduates Scheme; Fresh Talent: Working in Scotland Scheme; Self-employed Lawyers and Writers; and Writers, Composers & Artists.

Who should attend:

- Business owners, managers and human resource professionals who will have the new legal responsibility to verify the immigration status of their staff
- Inward investment agencies working with foreign investors.
- Employers who need to recruit globally and may need to employ non-EU workers
- Businesses who have overseas operations involving international travel
- Higher and further educational and training institutes
- Professional services handling work permits and overseas recruitment of immigrants

Spaces are limited and early bookings are essential. Bookings are only secured by payment.

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