
Information sheets provide general information only, accurate as at the date of the information sheet. Law, policy and practice may change over time.

ILPA members listed in the directory at www.ilpa.org.uk provide legal advice on individual cases. ILPA does not do so.

The ILPA information service is funded by the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust.

An archive of information sheets is available at www.ilpa.org.uk/infoservice.html

Zoe Harper, ILPA Legal Officer zoe.harper@ilpa.org.uk

Immigration Law Practitioners' Association www.ilpa.org.uk 020-7251 8383 (t) 020-7251 8384 (f)

09 October, 2015

New Immigration Bill

The new Immigration Bill was introduced to parliament on 17 September 2015. There will be a general debate on the Bill in the House of Commons ('Second Reading') on 13 October 2015. The Bill will then be considered by a smaller committee of MPs at a series of public hearings known as the Bill's committee stage.

ILPA has published the following information sheets about the Bill:

- Immigration Bill 2015

<http://www.ilpa.org.uk/resources.php/31378/information-sheet-immigration-bill-2015>

This provides an overview of the main proposals of the Bill, its changes to human rights appeals, access to services, asylum support, bail and electronic tagging, and its measures on illegal working. The information sheet also provides a brief overview of the next steps in the parliamentary process for the consideration of the Bill.

- The Immigration Bill and UK Businesses

<http://www.ilpa.org.uk/resources.php/31589/information-sheet-immigration-bill-2015-and-businesses-in-the-uk>

This sheet highlights those provisions in the Bill that are likely to affect businesses and small businesses in the UK.

- The Immigration Bill and '3C' and '3D' leave

<http://www.ilpa.org.uk/resources.php/31590/information-sheet-immigration-bill-2015-3c-and-3d-leave>

This information sheet explains what '3C' and '3D' leave are and how the changes proposed in the Bill would affect people relying on their existing leave being extended automatically whilst their application to vary or extend their leave is being considered by the Home Office.

ILPA's briefing to MPs for the Second Reading of the Bill is also available here:

<http://www.ilpa.org.uk/resources.php/31431/immigration-bill-2015-ilpa-briefing-for-second-reading-13-october>

Tigere challenge to student loan eligibility criteria

In the case of *Tigere*, finally determined on 29 July 2015, the Supreme Court held that it was unlawful to apply a blanket rule requiring individuals to have settled status (permanent residence in the UK) before they could access student loans to study at university and that the Government had to develop more tailored eligibility criteria. As a result of the case, the Government will need to issue new regulations on eligibility for student support. In the meantime, the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills has issued an interim policy statement for students applying for university this year.

ILPA has published an information sheet explaining the background to the legal challenge and the current situation with limited or discretionary leave to remain. This is available at: <http://www.ilpa.org.uk/resources.php/31588/information-sheet-tigere-challenge-to-student-loan-criteria>.

Refugee Crisis

In response to the refugee crisis in Europe, the Oxford University Press has made more than 30 book chapters, journal articles (including some from the *Journal of Refugee Studies*), and pieces of content from online resources freely accessible to assist those working with refugees on the ground as well as anyone who would like to know more about the framework of rights and obligations concerning refugees.

The collection contains introductory materials on who is a refugee, the rights that refugees have, the obligations on states which refugees pass through en route to their destination and the obligations on states in which refugees apply for asylum. The collection also contains resources labelled as advanced materials discussing the same questions and providing further reading.

Oxford University Press advises that the collection will be freely accessible at least until the end of 2015, and can be accessed here: <http://opil.ouplaw.com/page/refugee-law>.