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The information sheets and immigration updates have been reformatted. The purpose is to make them easier to produce and to be able to use a larger font in response to concerns that previously the font size was too small. The level of detail provided is expected to remain the same. Any feedback will be gratefully received.

Legacy Cases

The Case Resolution Directorate has introduced what it calls an “Allocation Finder”. This is an online facility which allows you to check whether a case is identified by the UK Border Agency as a legacy case and to obtain a postal address for the specific Case Resolution team which has been allocated the case. To use this facility you will need the Home Office reference number for the case. The facility is available at: <http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/asylum/oldercases/who-is-processing-my-case/>

Certificates of Approval – Refund of fees

On 31 July, the UK Border Agency issued information about reclaiming a fee paid for a certificate of approval. These certificates are those issued in order to permit certain foreign nationals to get married in the UK. The information is available at:

<http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2009/july/coa-return-application-fees?area=allNews>

<http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsfragments/coa-fee-repayment?area=allNews>

Borders, Citizenship and Immigration Act 2009

This Act was passed on 21 July 2009. Further information is available from the “Borders, Citizenship and Immigration Act 2009”, “Changes to British Nationality Law” and “Children – New Statutory Duty” information sheets.

Naturalisation – how certain migrants may become British citizens

Following the passing of the new Act, the Government has issued a further consultation on naturalisation. The consultation document is called *Earning the Right to Stay: a new points test for citizenship*. Further information is available from the “Path to Citizenship 3 – New Consultation” information sheet.

Other news

The following links are to information from the UK Border Agency about further changes to its policy on judicial reviews and removals, and English language tests for tier 1 and tier 2 applicants under the Points Based System.

<http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2009/july/policy-changes-on-jr-challenges?area=allNews>

<http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2009/july/english-language-tests-t1-t2?area=allNews>