Public Policy Exchange holds regular interactive seminars which provide an invaluable interface for policy discussion, debate and networking. These special events offer local practitioners, civil servants and other stakeholders not only an insight into current policy thinking, but also the opportunity to feed into future development across all areas of public policy.
Overview

It is now more than two years since the most radical shake-up of Britain’s immigration laws for nearly four decades came into force. The complex and often confusing legislation dating back to the 1971 Immigration Act was superseded by a “single, consistent and coherent framework” for dealing with potential immigrants.

As part of the immigration points-based system (PBS) implementation process, Tier 4 category regulations covering non-EU/EEA students came into force at the end of March 2009. With many colleges having already lost their sponsor’s license during this first year of the new framework, the impact on education providers of all types across the UK has been profound.

Following a major public consultation, new measures designed to curb continuing widespread abuse of the student visa system have recently been announced. The proposed reforms seek to make entrance criteria tougher, introduce new limits on work entitlements and close the post-study work route.

With the international student market providing such a significant contribution economically, academically and culturally to this country’s education sector, particularly universities, it is imperative that institutions are up to speed with the new system and are fully compliant with UK Border Agency procedures.

This special one-day training seminar, provides a timely opportunity for education providers, international student recruitment officers and advisers to understand the new immigration landscape and its impact on vetting, sponsoring and recruiting overseas students.

“International students not only make a vital contribution to the UK economy but they also help make our education system one of the best in the world. But it has become very apparent that the old student visa regime failed to control immigration and failed to protect legitimate students from poor-quality colleges. The changes I am announcing today re-focus the student route as a temporary one, available to only the brightest and best. The new system is designed to ensure students come for a limited period, to study, not work, and make a positive contribution while they are here.

- Theresa May MP, Home Secretary, March 2011

Why Attend?

- Gain an overview of the new legislative framework and UKBA priorities
- Improve your understanding of the legal framework for international student recruitment
- Develop your understanding of the immigration points based system
- Learn how to work with the PBS in practice
- Ensure your institution is licensed and maintains compliance

Who Should Attend?

- Overseas Student Recruitment Officers
- Accreditation Bodies
- Curriculum Authorities
- College and University Administrators
- Equal Opportunities Officers
- Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Practitioners
- Immigration Advisers
- Careers Advisers
- Employee Relations Advisers
- Legal Advisers
- Overseas Recruitment Agents
- Student Affairs and Welfare Bodies
- Funding Councils
- Research Councils
- HR Professionals
- Training Managers
- Recruitment Advisers
- Organisational Development Professionals
- Campaigning Organisations
- NHS Employers
- Local Authority Officers and Councillors
- Private Sectors Employers
- Public Sector Employers
- Small Business Owners
- Central Government Departments and Bodies
- Regulatory Bodies
- Citizen’s Advice and Third Sector Practitioners
- Trade Union Representatives
- Academics

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Programme

09:30 Registration and Morning Refreshments
10:15 Chair’s Welcome and Introduction
10:30 The Government’s Vision
  - Legislative Update
  - UK Border Agency Procedures and Priorities
11:15 Morning Refreshments
11:30 The Legal Framework
  - Sponsoring and Recruiting International Students on Tier 4 Visas
12:30 Lunch
13:15 Understanding and Working with the Points Based System I
  - The Role and Responsibilities of Highly Trusted Sponsors
14:00 Understanding and Working with the Points Based System II
  - The Practicalities of Sponsorship
  - Helping International Students Through the Visa Process
14:30 Afternoon Refreshments
14:45 Case Study: Assessing the Impact on Universities, FE Colleges and Private Education Providers
  - Compliance: Identity Fraud and Document Checking
  - Record Keeping and Enabling the Statutory Excuse
15:30 Final Questions and Chair’s Closing Comments
15:40 Networking Reception
16:30 Close

**Please note that the programme is subject to change without notice**

Event Details

Date: Thursday 23rd June 2011
Time: 10:15am – 4:30pm
Venue: Central London

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Investing in the Future of Midwifery: Delivering a Service Fit for the 21st Century
10th May 2011

Working in Partnership to Tackle Forced Marriage and Honour Based Violence
11th May 2011

4th Annual Sexual Health and Young People Symposium: Learning from the Past, Building for the Future
17th May 2011

Transforming Cancer Care: Implementing the New National Strategy
18th May 2011

The Future of CCTV in Community Safety: Working Towards an Effective Code of Practice
19th May 2011

Universities Challenged: A New Direction for Widening Participation and Fair Access
8th June 2011

Countdown to New Workplace Pension Arrangements: Ensuring Your Organisation is Ready for 2012
9th June 2011

The Future of the Early Years Foundation Stage: Giving Every Child the Best Start in Life
14th June 2011

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28th June 2011

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