

Sponsorship

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The way that visas are granted to migrant workers changed significantly in November 2008 following a policy adopted from Australia. These new regulations attempt to prevent illegal working, people trafficking and the propagation of violent extremism.

Migrant workers, including ministers from many parts of the world overseas, now need to amass sufficient 'points' to qualify for a visa giving them permission to work in the United Kingdom. The policy also embraces overseas students and those coming as temporary workers.

Typically, a minister coming from any country that this is not in the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) or who is not a UK citizen, will be required to comply with the regulations and be sponsored by a church.

To find out more about the implications of sponsoring someone from overseas please download the [Information leaflet](#) or go to [UK Borders Agency](#) website.