

TIERS 2 AND 5 – GO LIVE DATE ANNOUNCED

The UK BA has confirmed that Tier 2 (skilled workers) and Tier 5 (certain temporary workers) of the Points Based System will come into effect on 27 November 2008. This will mean the closure of various existing schemes, including the current work permit system.

From 27 November, it will no longer be possible for employers to apply for work permits. In order to employ a migrant worker under the replacement category, Tier 2, including employees transferred or seconding to the UK from overseas offices, employers must become a sponsor licensed by the UK BA. An employee who qualifies under Tier 1 (highly skilled) does not need a sponsor.

In addition, the UK BA will also introduce a new Business Visitor Visa for visa nationals on 27 November 2008 to cater for business activities falling outside the points system. This means entry clearance will be mandatory for visa nationals before arriving in the UK. The BVV will allow travel to the UK for those undertaking specific business activity, which includes:-

- Attending meetings or conferences;
- Arranging deals, negotiating or signing trade agreement or contracts;
- Undertaking fact-finding missions, checking details or goods; and
- Conducting site visits and promotional activities.

Non visa nationals will not need prior entry clearance to come to the UK to undertake these activities.

If you have any queries, please get in touch with your usual Parker & Co contact.

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