



## **Increased Priority for Resident Workers**

Last month, the Migration Advisory Committee made recommendations to the Government that would make it more difficult for skilled foreign workers to take jobs in the UK under the UK Border Agency's points based system.

As a result of the Government accepting all of the recommendations, from 2010 all jobs will have to be advertised in a job centre for four weeks before employers can look to employ staff from outside of Europe. It will also mean that overseas workers who want to transfer to the UK base of their company must have been employed for one year, as opposed to just six months, prior to the transfer. The minimum salary that must be paid to a foreign worker will rise from £17,000 to £20,000.

The Home Secretary has commented that these changes will ensure that businesses can recruit the skilled workers that the economy needs, but not at the expense of British workers, nor as a cheaper alternative to investing in the skills of the existing workforce.

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