

Mobility: Immigration alert

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United Kingdom

Immigration Health Surcharge increase expected to go into effect on 16 January 2024

Executive summary

The UK Parliament recently published the Immigration (Health Charge) (Amendment) Order 2023 ("Amended Order"), which provides recommendations for the new Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) rates, subject to parliamentary approval. If the order is approved, these new rates will come into force on 16 January 2024 or the 21st day after the order is made.

Key developments

The Amended Order proposes the following IHS rates (a levy that certain individuals who apply for permission to enter or remain must pay to access the UK National Health Services):

- ▶ Students, dependents of students, Youth Mobility Scheme applicants, and applicants under the age of 18 at the time of application: GBP 776 (up from GBP 470 currently) per year per applicant
- ▶ All other individuals who apply for entry clearance (permission to enter) or leave to remain (permission to stay): GBP 1035 (up from GBP 624 currently) per year per applicant

If the order is approved, a Skilled Worker Visa applicant who transfers to the UK on assignment for three years will be required to pay GBP 3105 (up from GBP 1872 currently) in IHS fees. The Amended Order adds that certain National Health Services (NHS) workers and their dependents will continue to be exempt from the IHS.

Impact on employers

If the Amended Order is approved, the new IHS rates will increase the costs for employers that hire foreign nationals.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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