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Notification of Changes to Immigration Rules - April 2015

Application fees

From 6 April 2015, UK Visas & Immigration (UKVI) application fees increased.

For further information on the fee changes please see:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/visa-regulations-revised-table

NHS Surcharge

As of 6 April 2015, all non-EEA nationals coming to the UK for more than six months, and those currently in the UK wishing to extend their stay, will be subject to the new NHS surcharge scheme.

The surcharge costs £200 per annum per person (£150 for students) and the total is payable at the point of application. For example, a Tier 2 applicant applying for a five year visa with one dependent will pay £2,000 in addition to the application fee.

Nationals from Australia and New Zealand are exempt from paying the surcharge. It will also not apply to individuals applying for indefinite leave to remain.

Minimum salary thresholds

The annual update has been applied to the minimum salary thresholds for Tier 2 and the salary rates for individual occupations.

For further information on the revised salary thresholds please see:

[www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/419439/Codes_of_Practice - April 2015.pdf](http://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/419439/Codes_of_Practice_-_April_2015.pdf)

Action: We would ask that as part of your role as an R&S Co-ordinator that you familiarise yourself with these changes, and forward this message onto any relevant colleagues who are involved in recruitment and selection and to managers of sponsored individuals.