

Shortage occupation list – Migration Advisory Committee recommendations

The Migration Advisory Committee (the "MAC"), the body charged with reviewing and updating the shortage occupation list, has recently published a report setting out its proposed changes to the shortage occupation list. The report proposes removing a number of occupations in the property sector including quantity surveyors, project managers and property development and construction as well as certain civil engineer roles from the list.

Having reviewed the skilled shortages in the UK, the MAC has also recommended adding a number of occupations in the electricity transmission and distribution industries (such as electrical engineers, project managers and design engineers) to the list.

The Government has now confirmed that it has accepted all of the MAC's recommendations, and the new shortage occupation list will take effect from 14 December 2009.

If an employer, who is a registered sponsor under Tier 2 of the Points-Based System, wishes to employ a migrant who is not an EEA or Swiss national in a role that is listed as a recognised shortage occupation, the employer does not have to demonstrate that they have satisfied the resident labour market test and is able to claim points for the role on offer being listed as a recognised shortage occupation.

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