



EARNING THE RIGHT TO STAY

A NEW POINTS TEST FOR CITIZENSHIP

Consultation questions pro-forma

Completed consultation pro-formas should be sent no later than midnight on Monday 26 October 2009 to the following address:

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QUESTIONS FOR CONSULTATION

Q1. Do you agree that we should operate a flexible system that allows us to control the number of migrants progressing to probationary citizenship?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If no, why not?

Q2. Do you agree that a points based test should be introduced in the application process for permanent settlement?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If no, why not?

Q3. Do you agree that the test should be applied before entry to the probationary citizenship stage?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If no, at which stage should the test be applied?

- British citizenship
- Other (please specify)

Q4. Which attributes should attract points? (Please select all that apply)

- Earning potential
- Special artistic, scientific or literary merit
- Qualification
- Shortage occupation
- English language
- Location
- Other (please specify)

Q5. Which of these attributes is most important? (Please number three in order of importance, 1-3)

- Earning potential
- Special artistic, scientific or literary merit
- Qualification
- Shortage occupation
- English language
- Location
- Other (as specified in Q4)

Q6. Should points be deducted or penalties applied for failure to meet requirements for integration into British life?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If no, why not?

Q7. If yes, for which attributes should points be deducted or penalties applied?

Q8. Do you think that the current Nationality Checking Service model can be successfully built upon to provide a 'check and send' service for Earned Citizenship?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If no, why not?

Q9. Do you think it appropriate that local authorities perform an additional service around advice and co-ordination?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If no, why not?

Q10. Should we require applicants to meet English and Knowledge of Life requirements at both probationary citizenship and British citizenship stages?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If no, why not?

Q11. Should these two stages of testing be different based on information relevant at each stage? This would involve testing on new topics not currently tested, for example British history.

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If no, why not?

Q12. Should this two-stage test require a higher standard of English for the second stage?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If no, why not?

Q13. Do you think that mentoring schemes should be extended to cater for non-refugees?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If no, why not?

Q14. Do you think that orientation days for migrants should be introduced to encourage integration?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If no, why not?

Q15. Do you think that it should be compulsory for migrants to attend an orientation day?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If no, why not?

Q16. Do you think that migrants should be awarded points towards probationary citizenship for attending an orientation day?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If no, why not?

Q17. Who do you think orientation days should be run by? (select all that apply)

- Local authorities?
- Employers?
- Local authorities and employers?
- Other? Please specify.

Q18. How do you think orientation days should be funded? (Please select one)

- By the migrant?
- By employers?
- Other? Please specify.

Q19. What do you think an orientation day should involve?

Q20. Do you think that online orientation is a good idea?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If no, why not?

Q21. Do you think that a group should be set up to add value to the development and implementation of integration strategies for migrants?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If no, why not?

Q22. If set up, do you think this group should just include representatives from across government?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If no, why not?

Q23. Do you think the group should also involve independent representatives, for example from the voluntary or community sector?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If no, why not?

Q24. Do you think we should facilitate circular migration in order to reduce the negative impact of brain drain on developing countries?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

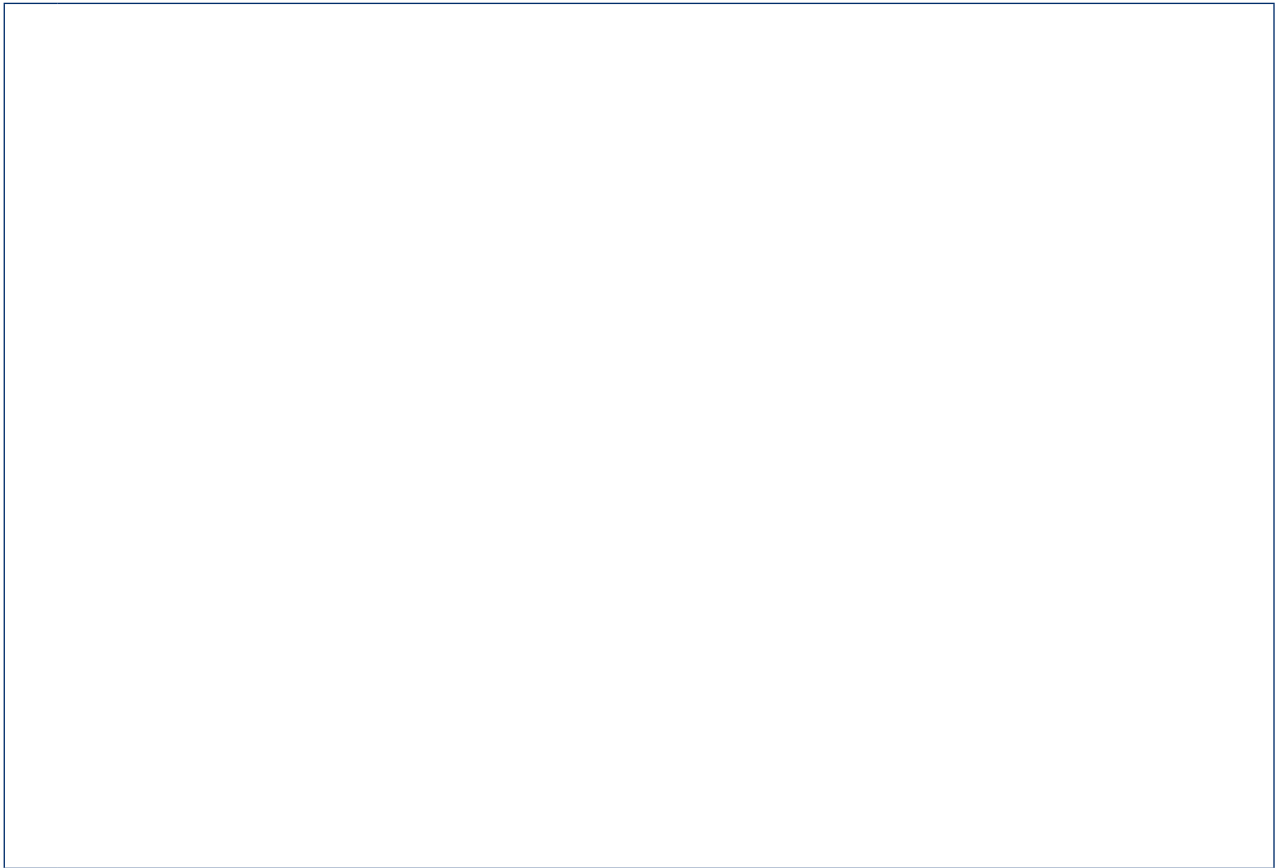
If no, why not?

Q25. In order to combat brain drain do you think it would be feasible to develop a list, similar to the NHS list, but covering other sectors?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If no, why not?

Q26. What evidence could be drawn upon to develop such a list? (please specify)



Q27. What further views do you have on how we could mitigate against the negative impacts of migration from developing countries?

