



**STATEMENT OF  
CHANGES  
IN IMMIGRATION RULES**

Laid before Tynwald on 18 November 2014 under section 3(2) of the  
Immigration Act 1971 (an Act of Parliament as extended to the Isle of Man by the  
Immigration (Isle of Man) Order 2008 (SI 2008 no. 680))

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The Council of Ministers has made the following changes to the Rules laid down by it as to the practice to be followed in the administration of the Immigration Act 1971<sup>1</sup> (of Parliament) as it has effect in the Isle of Man<sup>2</sup> for regulating entry into and the stay of persons in the Isle of Man and contained in the Statement laid before Tynwald on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2005<sup>3</sup>.

The changes set out in this statement take effect on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

### Changes

1. In paragraph 6, for the definition of “**Certificate of Sponsorship Checking Service**” substitute:  
“Under Part 6A of these Rules, “**Certificate of Sponsorship Checking Service**” means contact with the Department for Economic Development which allows an Isle of Man Immigration Service caseworker or entry clearance officer assessing a migrant’s application for entry clearance, leave to enter or leave to remain to gain access to and review details of the migrant’s Certificate of Sponsorship, including details of the migrant’s Sponsor, together with details of the job or course of study and other details associated with the circumstances in which the Certificate of Sponsorship was issued.”
2. In paragraph 6, for the definition of “**sponsor licence**” substitute:  
“Under Part 6A of these Rules, a reference to a “**sponsor licence**” means either;  
i) a licence granted by the Department of Economic Development to a person who, by virtue of such a grant, is licensed as a Sponsor under Tiers 2 or 5 of the Points Based System, or

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<sup>1</sup> 1971 c. 77

<sup>2</sup> See the Immigration (Isle of Man) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008 No 680)

<sup>3</sup> S.D. 62/05 amended by S.D.692/05, S.D. 442/06, S.D. 547/06, S.D. 781/06, S.D. 871/06, S.D. 124/07, S.D. 303/07, S.D. 534/07, S.D. 02/08, S.D. 500/08, GC 32/09, GC 35/09, GC 14/10, GC 26/10, GC 02/11, SD 518/11, SD 40/12, SD 0288/12, SD 0625/12, SD 0657/12, SD250/13, SD 302/13, SD 345/13 ,SD 2014/0004 and SD 2014/0082.

ii) a licence granted by the Isle of Man Immigration Office to a person who, by virtue of such grant, is licensed as a Sponsor under Tier 4 of the Points Based System.”.

## Explanatory Note

### 1. Purpose of the Instrument

1.1 The purpose of this instrument is to correct some typographical errors and to clarify functions in the Interpretation section of the Immigration Rules.

### 2. Policy Background

*What is being done and why*

*Correction to wording relating to Licensed Sponsors and the Certificate of Sponsorship checking service.*

2.1. The Certificate of Sponsorship Checking Service in the United Kingdom is a computerised system which allows Entry Clearance Officers and caseworkers to check the validity of Certificates of Sponsorship. The system in the Isle of Man is for the Entry Clearance Officer or caseworker to contact the Department for Economic Development officer who has access to the database for the information. The wording in the Rules has been changed to reflect this.

2.2. Sponsor Licenses for Tier 2 and 5 Employers are issued by the Department for Economic Development but Sponsor Licenses for Tier 4 Education Providers are issued by the Isle of Man Immigration Office. The wording in the Rules did not make this clear and the wording has been changed to reflect the actual position.

### 3. Consultation with Migration Policy Group

3.1 As the effect of these changes does not impact directly on employment in the Isle of Man they have not been subject to consultation with the Migration Policy Group.