

Asylum Seekers (Permission to Work) Bill

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BE IT ENACTED by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Amendments to the Immigration Rules

- (1) The Immigration Rules, as laid before Parliament under section 3(2) of the Immigration Act 1971, are amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraphs 360 and 360C (right to request permission to take up employment) for “one year” substitute “six months”. 5
- (3) Omit paragraphs 360A and 360D (which place restrictions on the employment that may be taken up).
- (4) After paragraph 360E insert—
 “360F In paragraphs 360 to 360E, the terms “asylum applicant” and “individual” mean— 10
 - (a) a principal applicant, or
 - (b) an adult dependant of a principal applicant in accordance with paragraph 349.”

2 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. 15
- (2) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Asylum Seekers (Permission to Work) Act 2022.

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