

Immigration and Nationality Fees (Exemption for NHS Clinical Staff) Bill

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Exempt NHS clinical staff from the requirement to pay fees under section 68 of the Immigration Act 2014; and for connected purposes.

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 Exemption from the requirement to pay fees in connection with immigration or nationality

(1) The Secretary of State must by regulations provide for an exemption for NHS clinical staff from any requirement to pay fees set out in a fees order under Section 68 (fees) of the Immigration Act 2014. 5

(2) Regulations under subsection (1) must provide that the exemption applies to an applicant who has—

(a) lawfully resided in the UK for a minimum period of five years, and

(b) lawfully worked in a clinical capacity for the National Health Service anywhere in the United Kingdom for an unbroken period of three years 10

provided that, if the applicant leaves the employment of the National Health Service in any part of the United Kingdom within the three years following a successful application in respect of which the applicant was exempted from paying fees, those fees become payable on termination of employment in the National Health Service. 15

(3) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this section may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

2 Extent, commencement and short title 20

(1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

(2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.

(3) This Act may be cited as the Immigration and Nationality Fees (Exemption for NHS Clinical Staff) Act 2023.

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