Worker registration scheme for A2 country nationals

Immigration - A2 accession state workers

If you are a Bulgarian or Romanian national, you do not need permission to enter or remain in the UK; however, you need work authorisation if you want to work in the UK.

Applying for work authorisation

There are two stages to applying for work authorisation:

1. The University needs to apply for a work permit
2. Once the letter of approval is received, you, the employee, then need to apply for an accession worker card (AWC), also known as the purple work card.

Your AWC is valid for as long as you remain in the employment for which the card was issued.

Exemption from work authorisation

If you have any of the following, a work permit and subsequent application for AWC is not required:

- A blue registration certificate showing full access to UK labour market
- A yellow registration certificate confirming that you are a student and have permission to work for 20 hours a week during term-time and full time outside of term-time
- A UK residence permit showing you have leave to remain with unrestricted permission to work (that has not expired)
- Evidence that you have been working legally and continuously for a period of 12 months ending on or after 31 December 2006
- An 'indefinite leave to remain' stamp in your passport
- A 'no time limit' stamp in your passport

For further details about the WRS please see the UKBA website -
http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/workingintheuk/eea/bulgariaromania/liveworkuk/