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Dear Clive

IN-COUNTRY TRANSFER INTO WORK PERMIT CATEGORY FOR DEGREE-LEVEL STUDENTS

Thank you for your letter of 9 November regarding the "intention to leave" of students seeking entry clearance who plan to transfer into work permit category at the end of their permitted stay.

As you will know from Christophe Prince's letter of 1 October, switching into work permit employment is being permitted as a concession outside the Immigration Rules, and will be formally incorporated into the Rules in 2002.

Transferring into work permit employment is only permitted for students at degree level and above, student nurses and post-graduate doctors and dentists. Entry Clearance Officers have been advised that they should waive the "intention to leave" test for students who meet these criteria. The "intention to leave" test should also be waived for dependants of students who meet the criteria.

The "intention to leave" test will remain in place for all other students and their dependants seeking entry to the UK.

I hope this information helps clarify the current situation. Please contact me if you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Johnston

B Letter also sent by post

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