



Home Office

Tom Pursglove MP
Minister of State for Legal Migration
and the Border

2 Marsham Street
London SW1P 4DF
www.gov.uk/home-office

Iain Stewart MP
House of Commons
London
SW1A 0AA

DECS Reference: MIN/1111411/24

19 March 2024

Dear Iain,

Thank you for your email of 15 March to the Home Office on behalf of a number of your constituents about the minimum income requirement (MIR) as part of the measures that were announced on 4 December 2023 by the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary to reduce net migration and curb immigration abuse. I am replying as the Minister of State for Legal Migration and the Border.

The increased threshold will be brought into line with the new minimum general salary threshold for a Skilled Worker, which is currently £38,700. This is designed to ensure people only bring dependants to the UK they can support financially and will apply to all British and settled sponsors under the five-year partner route.

By tethering the MIR to the general salary threshold for a Skilled Worker, it ensures that our migration policy is supportive of the wider ambition for the UK to be a high-wage, high-productivity, high-skill economy. The increase to the MIR will ensure that families will make a net positive impact on the economy, as well as contributing to the Government's target to lower net migration.

Those unable to meet the proposed increased MIR may still be granted leave where to deny entry, or permission for further stay, would breach their rights under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights. In these cases, migrants will be placed on a longer ten-year route to settlement. This would be granted in four tranches of 30-month periods, with a fifth application for indefinite leave to remain.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write and I trust that this reply is helpful.

With best wishes,

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several fluid, connected strokes. The signature is positioned at the top center of the page.

Tom Pursglove MP
Minister of State for Legal Migration and the Border