

Essential immigration law for social workers

Immigration law is complex and constantly changing.

Social workers in major towns and cities regularly face clients who are immigrants to the UK. There are many kinds of immigration status a client could hold; EU citizen with the right to reside in the UK, A8 national who is registered to work in the UK, visa national with permission to enter with a work permit, asylum seeker, refugee and person with discretionary leave to remain.

A person's rights to benefits and social services can depend upon their immigration status and it is important that status is clarified quickly and correctly. So social workers need a basic understanding of the different types of immigration status and what support is available for clients.

This new course from Reconstruct will help staff to recognise and understand immigration documents, visas and passport stamps so they can correctly identify the status of a client. It will also link immigration status to the duty to provide services under the Children Act, National Assistance Act and the Immigration and Asylum Act.

The journey through the asylum seeking process can be lengthy and confusing. This course will also give an overview of the legal stages and provide a list of resources that can be used to support asylum seeking clients.

This course will cover:

- identifying immigration status of clients including EU nationals
- services, support and benefit entitlements under National Assistance Act 1948, Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, Children Act 1989
- detailed sources of health, housing and legal help for migrants to the UK.

Our training is run in-house on dates to suit you and content can be adjusted to meet the specific needs of you and your colleagues.

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