

## **NEWS**

### **UKBA changes immigration rules on Tier 1 (Entrepreneur) 31 January 2013**

(<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2013/january/41-t1-entrepreneur>)

A written ministerial statement setting out the changes to the Tier 1 (Entrepreneur) route has been laid in Parliament.

UKBA are introducing the following changes: An introduction of a genuine entrepreneur test which will give UK Border Agency caseworkers the ability to test the credibility of suspicious applicants; and a change that requires the necessary minimum funds to be held, or invested in the business, on an ongoing basis rather than solely at the time of application.

These changes are being made in response to evidence that the route is being targeted by applicants seeking to abuse the Immigration Rules.

If UKBA have not decided the application before 31 January or application submitted on or after this date, they will consider it under the new rules.

UKBA may ask applicant to provide additional information which have 28 days time limit to submit.

If you are applying on or after 31 January and are relying on funds from a third party, the declarations you provide from those third parties will need to confirm that the funds will continue to be available to you until they are used.