



Office for Life Sciences

Office for Life Sciences Bulletin – 20 February 2020



OLS Introduction

The Office for Life Sciences (OLS) is a joint unit between the Department of Health & Social Care (DHSC) and Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

This bulletin aims to keep the life sciences sector up to date on the latest guidance whilst the UK is in the transition period, providing you with important information from Government to help your members and networks prepare for the end of the transition period.

If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please email anisha.visram@beis.gov.uk.

Points Based Immigration System

The Home Office has this week released further information regarding the UK's immigration regime following the end of the Transition Period on December 31 2020.

The new system will welcome the most talented people from around the world and restore public trust in our immigration system. Free movement will end on 1 January 2021, and we will introduce a single global immigration system which prioritises the skills people have to offer and how they will contribute to the UK's economy, not where they come from.

Please find the full policy statement and further information [here](#).

If you're an employer planning to sponsor skilled migrants from 2021, and are not currently an approved sponsor, you should consider [getting approved now](#).



Useful Links

- [Gov.uk/transition](https://www.gov.uk/transition) provides a central hub of resources for the transition period
- You can sign up to email alerts about the transition period on GOV.UK at this [link](#).
- EU citizens and other interested stakeholders can sign up for Home Office email updates about developments on the status of EU citizens in the UK after we leave the EU and the next steps for EU citizens in the UK at this [link](#).
- Access the 'Check How to Export Goods' tool [here](#) for the information you need to export goods out of the UK market.
- Click [here](#) for more information and advice on exporting.