

## VISAS

There are different types of visa/work permits listed below are some of them:

### Working Holidaymaker

If you are a Commonwealth citizen aged 17 to 31 years you may be permitted to enter the UK for a maximum of two years as a Working Holiday Maker. As a teacher holding this visa, you are entitled to work in your chosen profession on a supply basis, but not on a permanent basis.

A Working Holiday Maker Visa will normally be issued for two years. Teachers who would like to remain or extend in the UK can do so by securing a position with an employer willing to apply for a work permit for that teacher before the working holiday visa expires.

### Ancestral Visa

Under the UK Immigration Policy for Ancestry Visas, Commonwealth citizens who can verify their grandparent was born in the UK (including Southern Ireland prior to 31 March 1922) may apply for a visa that will allow them to stay in Britain for a period of four years.

After four years the applicant is eligible to apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain (residence), provided they continue to meet the requirements of the rules for United Kingdom Ancestry.

### European Community

If you have an EC passport (including UK passports) you are automatically entitled to work in the UK.

### Spousal Visa

If your partner has a legal permit to work in the UK, ancestry visa, student visa or dual nationality you are entitled to work in the UK.

### Work Permits

The Department for Education and Skills (DfES) has now added teachers to their shortlist of skills and vocations in short supply. This means that if you are not eligible for any of the other entry permits, you may be able to apply for Work Permit Sponsorship. This has to be done on your behalf by an employer in the United Kingdom who wants to employ you.