



**HOUSE OF COMMONS**

LONDON SW1A 0AA

15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

*Dear Constituent,*

**RE: VISAS - SALARY THRESHOLDS**

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of your concerns about the increase in salary threshold for the Skilled Worker route and for those on a Spouse visa. I have read your comments with interest.

I welcome that the Government is taking decisive action to curb the levels of legal migration. The steps being taken will ensure that immigration always benefits the UK, while ensuring that the NHS and the country's most innovative businesses always have access to the talent they need in order to succeed.

As such, the Government has taken the decision to increase salary thresholds for the Skilled Worker route by 48 percent to £38,700, in line with the median full-time wage for equivalent jobs. The current general salary threshold is £26,200. The increase will take place from this month.

However, those coming in on the Health and Social Care visa route will be exempted, so that the country can continue to bring the healthcare workers that the care sector and the NHS need.

If these new rules had been in place, they could have prevented over 10,000 individuals and their dependants coming to the UK in the year to September 2023. In future, this will mean that employers are not incentivised to undercut UK workers with cheaper overseas workers and instead invest in the skills of the domestic workforce.

I do understand that constituents have been concerned about extending their spouse/partner visa after spring 2024. The Home Office has now said that it will raise the minimum income for Family visas incrementally, in stages, to help give predictability to families. In the spring of 2024, the threshold to bring over family members will increase to £29,000 rather than £38,700. Further increases will then take place gradually over a longer period of time.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

*With best wishes,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Tom Pursglove'.

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