

SENIOR HOUSE OFFICERS AND REGISTRARS WORKING IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS FOR 5 CONSECUTIVE YEARS and being paid

PERMISSION TO CHANGE IMMIGRATION STATUS.

Note: Any time spent working as a Locum will not be considered when calculating the qualifying 5 year period.

The following administrative arrangements will apply:

Senior House Officers and Registrars, who have been lawfully resident and employed in public hospitals in the State for at least 5 years may apply for a change of immigration status to current Stamp 1 approval. The stamp 4 permission will be granted for a period of 12 months and is renewable on an annual basis thereafter dependent on the applicant fulfilling the requirements.

The following documents must be made available to the Registration Officer for inspection:

- valid passport and previous passport if held containing the relevant Stamp 1
- up to date Certificate of Medical Council Registration;
- current contract of employment as SHO/Registrar;
- P60s covering the previous two years' employment.

It is recognised that there will be cases where an applicant has some short gaps in his/her immigration registration over the five year (60 months) period. Whilst some tolerance is allowed, the following conditions must be met:

- no one gap may be in excess of 3 months (90 days); and must not be for the purpose of being employed elsewhere outside the State.
- gaps may not exceed 6 months in total over the 5 year (60 months) period.

Please note persons who had permission to remain and work in the State during the period from 1 June 2010 - 31 December 2015 without a work permit must have conducted their work lawfully. This will be taken into account when seeking permission to change status. That is to say any work carried out as locum or any time spent on any other type of immigration permission will be taken into account.

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