

After Brexit: UK to Close Doors for Low-Skilled Workers

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Boris Johnson will set a visa system to favor the migration of English-speaking, high-skilled workers.

United Kingdom's <u>Secretary of State for the Home Department Priti Patel</u> informed that <u>Prime Minister Boris Johnson</u> will implement a "point-based model" to limit the migration of "low-skilled" workers.

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After Brexit, the work visa will only be granted to European and non-European applicants who reach a minimum of 70 points on a scale of 100.

In this "Australian-style" model, the applicant to enter the United Kingdom will get 10 or 20 on each item if he or she previously has a job offer with a salary greater than £ 25,000 a year.

The aspirant to migrate to the U.K must also have higher academic degrees such as a master's or doctorate since it will not be enough to have a college degree???????.

The person must have knowledge of English and training in activities in which there is a shortage of professionals in the United Kingdom.???????????



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This proposal has been strongly criticized by the political opposition which argues that Johnson's model threatens to discourage immigration altogether.

The Labour Party demands that at least some exceptions be established in strategic sectors such as health care, where nursing roles are largely covered by foreigners. For their part, liberal Democrats accuse Johnson of encouraging xenophobia.???????

Instead, British entrepreneurs have praised some aspects of the announced reform but they also expressed that the risk of limiting the recruitment of the workforce does exist.

In her reply to these latest criticisms, the Secretary of State said that British companies will still be able to count on more than 3 million European Union citizens who are currently working in the United Kingdom and will not be affected by the new rules.

Patel also told entrepreneurs that they must "abandon the search for low-cost labor" and invest in the development of "automation technologies."???????