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Immigration policy after Brexit



With the UK leaving the EU, the free movement directive allowing citizens to freely cross borders and settle in the UK will cease to apply. After the election and first round of negotiations with the EU, the Government announced in the Queen's Speech that a new immigration system would be implemented via an Immigration Bill, to enshrine the new regime in law. They also confirmed free movement would end in March 2019. This draft bill, most likely a white paper, is due shortly and will go through Parliament in the 2018/19 session.

This briefing looks at the background as to why a new regime is necessary, reviews events and announcements made so far and summarises what we already know about the plans for immigration after Brexit. It also takes a look at sectors which will be particularly impacted, considers key stakeholder commentary and provides a timeline of upcoming events in the UK and EU political calendar

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