

# BALANCED **MIGRATION**



## **Britain is Open for Business – Quick Guide**

- No numerical limits on business visas, except work permits, capped at 20,700 of which only a half have been taken up each year.
- International companies based in the UK free to transfer key staff in and out, with no cap on numbers. Minimum salary of £40,600 for a stay of up to five years. For up to 12 months the minimum salary is £24,300.
- British businesses have free access to the workforce of the European Union which has a population of over 500 million.
- 1.6 million Business Visitors in 2012.
- 6 million tourists visited the UK in 2012.
- No limit on number of genuine students that may study in UK.
- Employers can take on foreign graduates from UK universities provided that the salary is £20,300 or more and the work is at graduate level.
- Special channels for exceptionally talented individuals and for investors and entrepreneurs to start businesses in the UK.

### **So what is the problem?**

Full details of the business visa system explained at <http://www.migrationwatchuk.org/briefing-paper/1.35>

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