



Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 41

[^{F1}PART 5A

ARTICLE 8 OF THE ECHR: PUBLIC INTEREST CONSIDERATIONS

[^{F1}117B Article 8: public interest considerations applicable in all cases

- (1) The maintenance of effective immigration controls is in the public interest.
- (2) It is in the public interest, and in particular in the interests of the economic well-being of the United Kingdom, that persons who seek to enter or remain in the United Kingdom are able to speak English, because persons who can speak English—
 - (a) are less of a burden on taxpayers, and
 - (b) are better able to integrate into society.
- (3) It is in the public interest, and in particular in the interests of the economic well-being of the United Kingdom, that persons who seek to enter or remain in the United Kingdom are financially independent, because such persons—
 - (a) are not a burden on taxpayers, and
 - (b) are better able to integrate into society.
- (4) Little weight should be given to—
 - (a) a private life, or
 - (b) a relationship formed with a qualifying partner,that is established by a person at a time when the person is in the United Kingdom unlawfully.
- (5) Little weight should be given to a private life established by a person at a time when the person's immigration status is precarious.
- (6) In the case of a person who is not liable to deportation, the public interest does not require the person's removal where—

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- (a) the person has a genuine and subsisting parental relationship with a qualifying child, and
- (b) it would not be reasonable to expect the child to leave the United Kingdom.]

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Textual Amendments

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- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 34](#)

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- s. 55(2)(aa) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 26\(7\)](#)
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- [Sch. 3 para. 1\(2A\)](#) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 2\(4\)](#) (This Act is amended by [S.I. 2020/1309](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3\(b\)](#))
- [Sch. 3 para. 1A](#) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 3](#)
- [Sch. 3 para. 2\(1\)\(ca\)](#) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 4\(3\)](#)
- [Sch. 3 para. 2A](#) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 5](#)
- [Sch. 3 para. 3A-3C](#) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 6](#)
- [Sch. 3 para. 7B7C](#) and cross-headings inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 9](#)
- [Sch. 3 para. 10A10B](#) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 10](#) (This Act is amended by [S.I. 2020/1309](#), [Sch. 1 para. 3\(c\)](#))
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- [Sch. 3 para. 15\(d\)-\(f\)](#) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 12 para. 14\(4\)](#)
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