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UNACCOMPANIED ASYLUM SEEKING CHILDREN - LEAVING CARE COSTS
1 APRIL 2008 TO 31 MARCH 2009

1. Enclosed with this letter are the Grant Instructions in respect of the UASC Leaving Care Grant for 2008/09. This instruction deals solely with the UASC Leaving Care Grant. You should ensure that the contents of this letter are brought to the attention of the Director of Children's Services and the Director of Finance.
2. The format of the grant instructions are intended to assist local authorities towards meeting leaving care costs of supporting young people who were unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC) and who are now 'former relevant children' within the meaning of Section 23C of the Children's Act 1989.
3. Grant will be paid in respect of relevant costs lawfully incurred by a local authority in accordance with the following : **Weekly Rate** (for each eligible young person over the count 25)

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| Category: | £ weekly |
| Weekly Rate (for each eligible young person over the count 25) | £100.00 |

Local authorities must ensure that claims in respect of costs under this grant scheme are strictly in accordance with these instructions.

4. You are reminded that if an authority fails to comply with any of the conditions set out in this letter, or attachments to the letter, the Secretary of State may require the immediate repayment of the whole or any part of the grant monies paid to that authority, as may be determined by the Secretary of State and notified in writing to the authority.

5. Local authorities should regard these instructions as a basic framework. All quarterly returns should be made through the CBP portal until further instruction. Notification of amendments will be to the same distribution list as the original instructions and will be numbered UASC LC 08/09/02 etc. and placed on the UKBA website under the following link: <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/workingwithasylumseekers/localauthoritygrants>

6. If you have any queries about the content of this letter please do not hesitate to contact the Local Authority Grants Team UASCLAGrants@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

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