

CHAPTER 5
SECTION 6

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MINISTERS OF RELIGION, MISSIONARIES AND
MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS ORGANISATIONS**RELIGIOUS ORGANISATIONS**

1. INTRODUCTION

The categories under which members of various religious organisations may be considered are set out in the table below. If further information is needed about any of the groups mentioned INPD should be contacted.

2. TABLE OF RELIGIOUS GROUPS

NAME	CATEGORY
BENEDICTINE SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF GRACE AND COMPASSION Registered as a charity under the name "House of Hospitality"	Postulants in training at the Holy Cross Priory are treated as students. They are expected to return to their own country on completion of their training in order to continue the work of their order.
BRUDERHOF COMMUNITIES IN THE U.K. (The society runs a company called Community Playthings)	Members of the society may be treated as members of a religious order .

<p>CHRISTIAN SCIENCE</p>	<p>Practitioners coming to Christian Science churches, or employment at the Christian Science House may be dealt with as ministers of religion.</p>
	<p>Nurses - Entry Clearance essential for employment and to be endorsed "For employment as a Christian Science Nurse". Nurses may work at Christian Science Houses or residential care homes but <i>not</i> with a local Christian Science visiting nurse service or in private employment. On entry – up to 12 months Code 4. After entry - periods of up to 12 months Code 4 to a maximum total of 48 months. Settlement applications should be referred to IPD, Section 3</p>
	<p>Trainee nurses and nurses aides - as trainee nurses under the Rules. For part of their training they may nurse patients in their own homes provided they remain under supervision and employment of the Christian Science House. They should not be given leave to remain for employment on completion of their training.</p>
	<p>Administrative & Maintenance staff - require work permits</p>
	<p>Domestic workers and Auxiliaries - voluntary workers for up to 12 months</p>
<p>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST AND THE LATTER DAY SAINTS (MORMON CHURCH)</p>	<p>Missionaries. Entry Clearance is mandatory. On entry - Code 4 for 12 months. After entry - extensions may be granted on Code 4 provided they continue to work with the church for 12 months at a time.</p>
<p>DIVINE LIGHT MISSION</p>	<p>Three categories of members come to the UK: Volunteers who do administrative work and assist in musical events, special dignitaries who officiate at festivals and visitors who participate in festivals. None would be expected to stay for lengthy periods and should normally be dealt with as visitors. They should be able to produce evidence of satisfactory personal funds, or evidence of sponsorship by the UK or their overseas Divine Light Mission.</p>
<p>FINDHORN FOUNDATION</p>	<p>Guests at the community are treated as visitors for up to 6 months.</p> <p>Students - may be given leave to remain for periods of 12 months Code 2 for up to 3 years as students provided they have a letter of support from the Foundation even though the courses offered do not meet the full requirements of the Rules.</p> <p>Staff applications should meet the requirements of the Rules for Ministers of Religion.</p>

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS (HARI KRISHNA)	Students: the society offers 2 year courses of study leading to the "Bhakti Sastra" certificate. Applicants on these courses may be treated as students.
	Applications from people who wish to stay beyond 2 years in order to teach, preach or work should meet the requirements of the Rules for Ministers of Religion.
KAGYU SAMYE LING TIBETAN CENTRE	Monks & Nuns coming to take a long term training programme of up to 10 years or to go into retreat may be treated as members of religious orders . Entry Certificate - mandatory.
	Students undertaking short courses or who have not embarked on long term training may be treated as students, and granted extensions of stay of 12 months at a time Code 2. Entry Certificate not necessary.
	Visitors to the centre treated under normal visitor requirements.
	Switching: Applications may be received from students who have taken short courses before deciding to undertake the long term course or go into retreat. Such applications should be looked at sympathetically.
OPERATION MOBILISATION	Visitors and Students: The majority of overseas nationals coming to the UK each year to join Operation Mobilisation enrol on the training programme and stay for less than 12 months. These people may be given leave to enter or remain as visitors. Those who wish to stay for an additional period of training should be treated as students.
	Voluntary Workers: they should be limited to the normal 12 month maximum and dealt with as other voluntary workers.
	Staff: Those engaged full-time in the training of others in missionary work are admissible as missionaries and should normally obtain prior Entry Clearance but it has been agreed that the EC requirement may be waived in the case of existing Operation Mobilisation <i>students</i> but <i>not</i> for voluntary workers.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS CHURCH (TRAINEES)	Students: those seeking to enter the UK to train at the "Better Living Centre" also known as "New Gallery" should be treated as visitors and granted leave to enter for up to 12 months Code 3. Leave to remain may be granted to a maximum of 12 months (INDECS V1). Applications to stay for longer than 12 months should be referred to IPD.
ST.STEPHEN'S SOCIETY Hong Kong based charity.	Involves the rehabilitation of drug offenders and their conversion to Christianity. Employees coming to the UK for visits: In recent years applications for Entry Clearance have been received from such people who were invited to give speeches on the rehabilitation of former drug addicts. As most of the applicants were former addicts with unspent criminal convictions refusal may appear more appropriate. However in view of the nature of the mission these EC applications are referred to the UK. Prospective visitors must satisfy the Rules in respect to visitors but discretion may be exercised where the application falls to be refused on the basis of an unspent conviction or where it is felt that exclusion would, in normal circumstances, be conducive to the public good. Caseworkers should satisfy themselves as to the reasons for the visit and the genuineness of the applicant's intentions. Cases should not be decided below HEO level. Employees who wish to stay longer than 6 months may be considered as missionaries under the Rules
THE UNIFICATION CHURCH (The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity)	Visitors: The Church usually applies for extensions of stay on behalf of its members (commonly known as Moonies) explaining that they wish to do missionary work generally involving prayer, collection of funds, proselytising, social work, musical activities and commercial activities. Such applications should be treated as visitors and not permit-free employment. The normal maximum possible period of stay will therefore be 6 months.

Further information on the categories mentioned in the table above can be found in the relevant instruction as follows:

VISITORS - Chapter 2

STUDENTS(GENERAL) - Chapter 3 Section 1

STUDENT NURSES AND MIDWIVES - Chapter 3 Section 2

VOLUNTEERS FROM OVERSEAS - Chapter 17 Section 10

3. INTERNATIONAL MINISTERIAL COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN (IMCGB)

This organisation was set up in 1968 to bring together black pentecostal churches in this country and to promote understanding between pentecostal and mainstream churches. It is now a full member of the Council of Churches.