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## United Kingdom – Simplifying Immigration law for the 21st century

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A new Immigration Bill aimed at simplifying immigration law announced in the Queen's Speech in November 2007 has received positive feedback.

The Home Office held a consultation on plans to replace all the Immigration Acts since the early 1970s with one clear and single piece of legislation.

Since the initial Immigration Act was introduced in 1971 there have been ten new Acts, with the latest being the UK Borders Act 2007. There has also been

a whole host of statutory instruments, guidelines and instructions.

The Home Office will now carry out a detailed analysis of existing laws, and then intends to consult with the public on more specific proposals for legislation.

The Bill will clearly distinguish between temporary and permanent UK residents, laying out exactly what rights people can expect and how they can earn citizenship. A draft Bill will be published for pre-legislative scrutiny in 2008.

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