

# Right to respect for private and family life: immigration

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Convention rights - from the 1950 [European Convention on Human Rights](#) (ECHR) and given further effect by scheduling to the [Human Rights Act 1998](#) (HRA) have applied incontrovertibly in domestic UK law since 2 October 2000.

There was considerable discussion from 1997 about which rights would be litigated in future years, on the basis of the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) at Strasbourg, in the three jurisdictions of the UK: England and Wales; Scotland; and Northern Ireland.

Some commentators anticipated that [art.8](#) (the right to respect for private and family life) would be important, as the basis of a new domestic right to privacy. Few, if any, predicted that the family life aspect of [art.8](#) would play a significant role in UK immigration law; this regulates the entry (and possibly exit) of non-nationals, from outside the European Economic Area (EEA), whether as visitors, students, workers, investors or residents.

## Overview of Topic

1. This article looks at legislative, executive and judicial attempts to limit such [art.8](#) cases since 2000, a project led by successive Secretaries of State (SoS) for the Home Office (Home Secretaries), of whom there have been six Labour and one coalition Conservative in the past 15 years.
2. It considers the following topics: the structure of [art.8](#) in immigration cases; how the SoS might theoretically limit its effect in tribunals and courts; the failed attempt to do so through the Immigration Rules; the failing attempt to do so through statute; the mixed response of the senior judiciary; and future prospects.
3. **The Structure of Article 8:** [Article 8](#), which makes no express reference to immigrants (they are included by implication), provides that:
  - a. Everyone has the right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspondence.
  - b. There shall be no interference by a public authority with the exercise of this right except such as is in accordance with the law and is necessary in a democratic society in the interests of national security, public safety or the economic well-being of the country, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals, or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others.

4. The 1963 protocol number 4 (to the ECHR) deals with expulsion of nationals individually and non-nationals collectively, but the UK, which signed it at the time, has not ratified the protocol in the succeeding fifty plus years. The question of non-nationals is, therefore, somewhat underspecified in human rights law.
5. A number of points may be made about the right to private and family life. First, [art.8\(1\)](#) is described as the permissive (or right) clause, which turns on respect. Second, [art.8\(2\)](#) is the limitation clause, giving public authorities (but perhaps not other private individuals) a defence of justification. Third, the Strasbourg concept of proportionality, involving a factual balancing exercise between the individual and community (perhaps not state), is decisive. And fourth, the legitimate aims in [art.8\(2\)](#) do not include immigration control, though economic well-being or the rights and freedoms of others may be argued, albeit with difficulty.
6. Lord Bingham characteristically explained Strasbourg jurisprudence to common lawyers belatedly in 2004, with a procedural template: "In a case where removal is resisted in reliance on [art.8](#), the[se] questions are likely to be: (1) will the proposed removal be an interference by a public authority with the exercise of the applicant's right to respect for his private or (as the case may be) family life?; (2) If so, will such interference have consequences of such gravity as potentially to engage the operation of article 8?; (3) If so, is such interference in accord with the law?; (4) If so, is such interference necessary in a democratic society in the interests of national security, public safety or the economic well-being of the country, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health and morals, or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others?; (5) if so, is such interference proportionate to the legitimate public end to be achieved?...The answering of question (5), where that question is reached, must always involve the striking of a fair balance between the rights of the individual and the interests of the community which is inherent in the whole of the Convention." ([R. \(on the application of Razgar\) v Secretary of State for the Home Department \(No.2\) \[2004\] UKHL 27; \[2004\] 2 A.C. 368](#) paras 17 and 20). The interests of the community, which Lord Bingham took from Strasbourg jurisprudence, are not necessarily identical to those of the State: however, in a liberal democracy, Parliament and even the Government - which are representative in the wake of a general election - arguably have some authority to articulate the interests of the community.
7. But the then the senior Law Lord went on to conclude: "Decisions taken pursuant to the lawful operation of immigration control will be proportionate in all save a small minority of exceptional cases, identifiable only on a case by case basis (para.20). The SoS arguably took this too literally (ignoring "lawful operation" and "case by case basis"), extracting a legal test of exceptionality from the sentence. Three years later, Lord Bingham had to clarify the law: "It is not necessary that the appellate immigration authority...need ask in addition whether the case meets a test of exceptionality. The suggestion that it should be based on an observation of Lord Bingham in [Razgar](#), para.20. He was there expressing an expectation, shared with the Immigration Appeal Tribunal, that the number of claimants not covered by the rules and supplementary directions but entitled to succeed under [article 8](#) would be a very small minority. That is still his expectation. But he was not purporting to lay down a legal test" ([Huang v Secretary of State for the Home Department \[2007\] UKHL 11; \[2007\] 2 A.C. 167](#) para.20). There is no test of exceptionality in domestic [art.8](#) immigration cases, and there never has been.
8. At Strasbourg (with rules of consistency but not precedent), there had been a series of immigration cases from the 1980s, involving removal from a member state and even extradition to another state. The ECtHR respected the right of a State in international law to control immigration: [Abdulaziz v United Kingdom \(A/94\) \(1985\) 7 E.H.R.R. 471](#) paras 59-60, 61-3 and 66-9. But gradually (and even in this landmark decision), it came to assess each expulsion case in terms of proportionality: even foreign criminals, with private or family lives, were given protection against removal/deportation: [Beldjoudi v France \(A/234-A\) \(1992\) 14](#)

[E.H.R.R. 801](#) paras 65-80; [Boultif v Switzerland \(54273/00\) \[2001\] 2 F.L.R. 1228](#) paras 39-56. It all depended upon the facts, and - in the case of criminals - the likelihood of them turning over a new leaf.

9. **Limitation of Article 8:** From 2000, the SoS had two broad theoretical approaches available, if he/she wished to limit immigrant reliance on [art.8](#): first, through the Council of Europe (COE); and second, through the HRA 1998.
10. The COE is a multilateral international organisation, established by the 1949 Treaty of London. There are now 47 members. It comprises: a committee of ministers; a parliamentary assembly; and a secretariat in Strasbourg. The 1950 ECHR led to the ECtHR being established in 1959. Strasbourg - despite the doctrine of subsidiarity - now micro-manages nearly 50, mainly civil, justice systems.
11. The UK has been at the forefront of reforming the ECtHR in recent years, but it has not sought to deal with [art.8](#) immigration cases through the council of ministers and/or the parliamentary assembly. The problem stems from the convention as interpreted by the Strasbourg court, and there has been no serious intervention here on the question of immigrants and [art.8](#).
12. The [HRA 1998](#) is a purely UK matter, given our legal dualism. Immigration had figured in the public debate about human rights in the 2000s, but not as much as other issues such as prisoners. The then Conservative opposition considered the idea of a UK Bill of Rights (and responsibilities). In late 2012, a coalition commission, chaired by Sir Leigh Lewis, recommended effectively repealing the HRA 1998. There was no movement in time for the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta in 2015, due largely to the human rights professionals in statutory quangos, non-governmental organisations and especially the universities.
13. Faced with difficulties abroad and at home, the SoS - from 2010, Theresa May - tried two other circuitous routes.
14. **Immigration Rules:** The [Immigration Rules](#) (IR) - in [Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules, 23 May 1994 \(HC 395\)](#) as amended - are made under: the [Immigration Act 1971](#) (IA) [ss.1\(4\)](#) and [3\(2\)](#). They are not, of course, primary law (despite [s.86\(3\)\(a\)](#) of the [Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002](#) (NIAA) having been phrased to refer to "the law (including immigration rules)"). They are not even delegated legislation, though some judges have seemed to think so. The IA 1971 refers twice to "the practice to be followed in the administration of this Act". The IR are essentially the SoS's statements of policy. Unfortunately, they have been analysed less as public policy, and more as quasi-law requiring judicial interpretation. The first IR covered a handful of pages. HC 395 was only 80 pages in 1994. Today, the IR, in 14 parts with 28 appendices (with additional visas and immigration operational guidance), occupy cyberspace expansively, and are often amended monthly.
15. The SoS has written down, supposedly for her case workers, immigrant applicants, their lawyers, and the judges who have to decide cases, almost every detail, including (Appendix P) financial institutions in selected countries from which she will, or will not, accept statements. It could be argued that good administration has given way to formalism; this is what once afflicted the common law, giving rise to equity. Applications, appeals and determinations have become bogged down, as many believe was intended: it is the opposite of simple discretion-free, box-ticking decision making. There is now a lengthy obstacle course, starting with the correct form, and the right fee, which has the effect (with or without the intention) of tripping up stake holders repeatedly on their way to a successful application or appeal.

16. Private and family life was provided for, through the 2000s, in [Pts 7](#) (other categories) and [8](#) (family members) of the IR, in paras 246 to 319. These contained workable sets of rules. In 2008, a new [Pt 6A](#), introduced a points-based system for economic migrants seeking to work. This became a precedent for what may be termed the new rules of 2012.
17. On 9 July 2012, more radical changes stimulated by the SoS's [art.8](#) problem took effect: "private life", namely (paras 276ADE to 276DH), was inserted into [Pt 7](#); [Pt 8](#) was given new transitional provisions (paras A277 to A281), and Appendices [FM](#) and (later) [FM-SE](#) were added to the IR. The rules governing spouses, children and dependant relatives became more complicated and tougher (the long residence route, for example, of interest to illegal entrants and overstayers, was increased from 14 to 20 years). The SoS claimed: "the new Immigration Rules reflect the qualified nature of Article 8, setting requirements which correctly balance the individual right to respect for private or family life with the public interest in safeguarding the economic well-being of the UK by controlling immigration and in protecting the public from foreign criminals." ([Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules, 13 June 2012 \(HC 194\) explanatory memorandum, para.2.1](#)). (Foreign criminals had been dealt with originally in [ss.32 - 35](#) of the [UK Borders Act 2007](#)). The intended effect was: all [art.8](#) applications and appeals had to be processed through the new rules of 2012.
18. The response of tribunals and courts to these changes in the IR is considered in this article below.
19. **Immigration Act 2014:** [Part 2](#) of the [Immigration Act 2014](#) (IA), which received Royal Assent on 14 May 2014, purports to restrict immigration appeals, reversing a process begun in the 1990s (and beckoning increasing reliance on judicial review). [Section 19](#) - inserting ss.117A to 117D into the NIAA 2002 - is entitled: "article 8 of the ECHR: public interest considerations". The public interest is defined here exclusively in terms of the SoS's defence of justification as a respondent to first appeals: [s.117A\(3\)](#) of the NIAA 2002. The public interest is held statutorily to comprise: effective immigration controls; ability to speak English; financial independence; little weight given to private and family life when the immigrant is in the UK unlawfully; little weight given to private life when the immigration status is precarious; and the deportation of foreign criminals, increasingly with the seriousness of offences. The SoS told parliament, when introducing the Bill, that "[it] gives the force of primary legislation to the principles reflected in th[e Immigration] rules by requiring a court or tribunal, when determining whether a decision is in breach of Article 8 ECHR, to have regard to the public interest considerations as set out in the Bill". (explanatory notes, 10 October 2013, para.19)
20. A number of points may be made. First, [s.19](#) does not touch on [art.8](#) of the ECHR directly. Second, it does not affect the operation of the HRA 1998: there is no amending, express or implied. Third, as the SoS made clear, it was an attempt to achieve through statute what had been tried, and failed, through the IR two years earlier. Fourth, [s.19](#) bites above all on judicial discretion, when applying Strasbourg and domestic jurisprudence. Fifth, the executive - through parliament (to which the courts readily defer) - is telling the judiciary to accept its defence of justification (effective immigration controls) in the name of the public interest. Sixth, the senior judiciary - invoking the existing constitutional principle of the rule of law - and reading the HRA 1998 together with the IA 2014, may be expected to state, with characteristic courtesy, that it may also interpret the public interest more widely, either separately in an appeal or when exercising a supervisory jurisdiction. Does the public interest not include also: proper immigration decision-making; and fair immigration appeals? Could the senior judiciary not widen the definition of public interest, to include the appellant and even the wider public? And might it not say it should have the last word on public interest?
21. As with prisoners' voting rights (where a vote of the house of commons was deployed against Strasbourg enforcement of [Hirst v United Kingdom \(74025/01\) \(2006\) 42 E.H.R.R.](#)

- 41), the executive is invoking the people through their representatives, voting on a parliamentary bill, to try and influence judicial decision making, this time in a domestic context (see Appendix A in Izuazu below).
22. [Section 19](#) was brought into force on 28 July 2014 (along with further Immigration Rules, on private and family life, in [Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules, 10 July 2014 \(HC 532\)](#)): [Immigration Act 2014 \(Commencement No. 1, Transitory and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014/1820, art.3](#). It remains to be seen whether the SoS will try and apply it retrospectively to decisions made before 28 July 2014, being appealed after that date: [AK \(Pakistan\) v Secretary of State for the Home Department \[2014\] EWCA Civ 1642](#) suggests that the courts may not cause difficulty on that point.
  23. At the date of drafting, it is perhaps significant that [s.19](#) - and [ss.117A to 117D](#) of the NIAA 2002 - has not yet been considered substantively by the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court. (Any effect of [YM \(Uganda\) v Secretary of State for the Home Department \[2014\] EWCA Civ 1292](#), decided on 10 October 2014, on particular facts, will be considered in future updates).
  24. **Domestic Jurisprudence:** Before looking at the treatment of the new 2012 IR in the senior courts, it is necessary to make two points.
  25. First, the Immigration courts - from early 2010, the First-tier Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) (FTT) and the Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) (UT) - have been regulated significantly by the Court of Appeal (often with Sedley L.J. in the chair), on a succession of appeals.
  26. Second, the House of Lords, and now the Supreme Court, did a great deal to vindicate [art.8](#), not least with the three judgments of 25 June 2008, with Lord Bingham in the chair: [Beoku-Betts v Secretary of State for the Home Department \[2008\] UKHL 39; \[2009\] 1 A.C. 115](#) (the art.8 rights of all family members); [C \(Zimbabwe\) v Secretary of State for the Home Department \[2008\] UKHL 40; \[2008\] 1 W.L.R. 1420](#) (applications from abroad not necessary in art.8 appeals); and [EB \(Kosovo\) v Secretary of State for the Home Department \[2008\] UKHL 41; \[2009\] 1 A.C. 1159](#) (strengthened private and family life during decision-making delays).
  27. Third, there are rules of precedent, governing the use of authorities in legal argument. A widespread error is the tendency to literalism, quoting judges almost randomly. There is a hierarchy of cases, and judges are bound variously by previous decisions. Each case (if it is authority) will have a *ratio decidendi* - that is, the point of law it establishes, if it establishes any. Many decisions are made *per incuriam*: counsel might fail to refer fully to legislation, or to relevant cases; more often, a point is not adequately considered by a judge, even if he/she goes on to apparently comment.
  28. Since 2012, there have been three important first-instance [art.8](#) cases (plus one Court of Appeal), but also three Court of Appeal decisions, possibly going the other way. As is invariably the position, the common law is in a state of flux.
  29. The first case, a successful SoS appeal, nevertheless preserved [art.8](#) against the 2012 rules: [Izuazu \(Article 8: New Rules: Nigeria\), Re \[2013\] UKUT 45 \(IAC\)](#). As discussed above, the SoS had sought to specify [art.8](#) through the new Immigration Rules from 9 July 2012. Izuazu was a decision of Blake J., the first president of this chamber of the UT, dated 31 January 2013. Izuazu established a two-stage test, which was followed in the FTT and UT in 2012-14 (preserving a great deal of legal certainty): first, one looked to the new rules; and second, one then turned to [art.8](#). The UT headnote gives a flavour of the legal argument (submissions being appended to the determination): "The procedure adopted in

relation to the introduction of the new Rules provided a weak form of Parliamentary scrutiny; Parliament has not altered the legal duty of the judge determining appeals to decide on proportionality for himself or herself. There can be no presumption that the Rules will normally be conclusive of the [Article 8](#) assessment or that a fact-sensitive inquiry is normally not needed. The more the new Rules restrict otherwise relevant and weighty considerations from being taken into account, the less regard will be had to them in the assessment of proportionality. When considering whether a decision is in accordance with the law, it has been authoritatively established by the higher courts that the test to be applied is not exceptional circumstances or insurmountable obstacles."

30. The second case, [R. \(on the application of Nagre\) v Secretary of State for the Home Department \[2013\] EWHC 720 \(Admin\)](#), a decision of Sales J., was an unsuccessful judicial review challenge to the new rules, in which a declaration of incompatibility under [s.4](#) of the HRA 1998 was sought. The application failed to appreciate the SoS's duty under IA 1971 [ss.1\(4\)](#) and [3\(2\)](#) (and the view articulated by Blake J. in Izuazu at para.30). Sales J., however, did not seek generally to disturb this settled view of the UT. To that extent, R (Nagre) strengthened the constitutional critique, encouraging the SoS to preserve discretion outside the rules in her decision-making (so-called exceptional circumstances, supposedly from Strasbourg): "No matter how closely, or not, the new rules track the detailed application of [Article 8](#) in individual cases, the immigration control regime as a whole (including the Secretary of State's residual discretion) fully accommodates the requirements of [Article 8](#)." (para.36) However, Sales J. was more sanguine about the first stage of the two-stage test resolving the question of proportionality. The applicant - an overstaying visitor with an unmarried British partner - was susceptible to the insurmountable obstacle test (which came and went in the judgment): they could continue their family life in India, concluded Sales J, because there were no insurmountable obstacles to removal (a reason that is not legally settled in case law).
31. The third case is: [R. \(on the application of MM \(Lebanon\)\) v Secretary of State for the Home Department \[2013\] EWHC 1900 \(Admin\); \[2014\] 1 W.L.R. 2306](#), another decision of Blake J., this time in the administrative court. The issue was the new IR in [Appendix FM](#), requiring a sponsor to have an income of £18,600 a year before bringing a foreign spouse into the UK. Blake J. did not quash the rule in July 2013, as he might have done (he gave the SoS a wide margin of appreciation). However, he invoked free-standing [art.8](#) but without making a declaration. Five aspects of the new rules, he found on assumed facts, disproportionately interfered with sponsors' right to family life: the UT, to where he wanted to remit the cases, would have to find the facts in the three appeals.
32. The one important Court of Appeal case is: [MF \(Nigeria\) v Secretary of State for the Home Department \[2013\] EWCA Civ 1192; \[2014\] 1 W.L.R. 544](#). It is carrying the burden of preserving [art.8](#) in immigration law. This was an unsuccessful SoS appeal concerning a foreign criminal, presided over by Lord Dyson MR. The Court of Appeal characterised the new IR as a complete code, but went on - as in Izuazu and R (Nagre) - to consider [art.8](#) under the SoS's exceptional circumstances. The court upheld the UT's finely balanced [art.8](#) judgment. This case is notable for the SoS's counsel, Lisa Giovannetti QC's, overnight written statement of the law, which began: "The new rules do not seek to change the law." (para.34) The case is also of interest for a per incuriam in October 2013, querying the "insurmountable obstacles" test in deportation cases (paras 47 to 49).
33. R (MM) was published in the weekly law reports, on 27 June 2014. By then, it had been to the Court of Appeal: on 11 July 2014, Blake J. was reversed, the lead judgment being given by Aitkens L.J.: [R. \(on the application of MM \(Lebanon\)\) v Secretary of State for the Home Department \[2014\] EWCA Civ 985; \[2015\] 1 W.L.R. 1073](#). This appeared in the weekly law reports on 20 March 2015.
34. The Court of Appeal held that the minimum income levels in the new IR were not incompatible with the right to family life. Aitkens L.J. held: there was an interference with

[art.8.1](#); but this was justified under [art.8.2](#), given the legitimate aims of reducing expense on the public purse and greater integration. The judgment contains a weighty discussion of the new IR as policy, and human rights in immigration law.

35. [R \(MM\)](#) has recently gone to the Supreme Court, and may be heard before the end of 2015. It is considered an important case. Partly, this is because the justices will consider the £18,600 earnings threshold. But mainly, it is because the Supreme Court will have to rule again on [art.8](#), and on its interrelationship with the new IR of 9 July 2012.
36. Assuming [R \(MM\)](#) in the Court of Appeal anticipates other appellate decisions by senior judges, mention needs to be made of two lesser Court of Appeal decisions.
37. The first is: [Edgehill v Secretary of State for the Home Department \[2014\] EWCA Civ 402; \[2014\] Imm. A.R. 883](#). This asked the question whether the 2012 IR could be applied to decisions before 9 July 2012, in appeals after that date. (In [Odelola v Secretary of State for the Home Department \[2009\] UKHL 25; \[2009\] 1 W.L.R. 1230](#), the House of Lords had held that an application made before [Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules, 30 March 2006 \(HC 1016\)](#), was decided correctly under the amended rules after it took effect.) The Court of Appeal distinguished [Edgehill](#): according to the implementation clause in [Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules, 13 June 2012 \(HC 194\)](#), the rules existing on 8 July 2012 would be applied to all applications up to and including on that date, regardless of the date of appeal. That is the ratio decidendi of the case. Not all statement of changes in Immigration Rules which are laid before Parliament (as HC papers when sitting, and Cm papers when in recess) contain implementation clauses. There is an important legal question to be determined; namely, whether the SoS may amend implementation clauses indirectly.
38. The second appeal (on the same point) is: [Singh v Secretary of State for the Home Department \[2015\] EWCA Civ 74](#). Here, on 5 September 2012, and taking effect the following day, the SoS amended [Pt 8](#) and Appendices [FM](#) and [FM-SE](#). Odelola, therefore, applied to the relevant part as of [Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules, 5 September 2012 \(HC 565\)](#), which may be considered an attempt to amend the implementation clause in [Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules, 13 June 2012 \(HC 194\)](#). The first appellant (Singh), who was relying upon 2006 Immigration Rules, benefited from [Edgehill](#) but lost under [Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules, 5 September 2012 \(HC 565\)](#); his decision was not made during the window, 9 July to 5 (not 6) September 2012. The second appellant (Khalid), who invoked [art.8](#) (as did Singh), became caught up in the following problem: [art.8](#) was articulated full in the 2012 IR. (Dicta of Underhill L.J. in this case may have led the SoS to make available electronically archived versions of the Immigration Rules, so that the correct version could be applied in each appeal. There have been, to date, 31 different versions of the Immigration Rules since 9 July 2012!).
39. **Prospects:** Immigration practitioners, seeking to do their best for their clients, will want to consider taking the following points, where relevant to their appeals against SoS refusal decisions:
  - a. [art.8](#) remains legally alive, under the 1950 ECHR and the HRA 1998, with Strasbourg cases still influencing domestic jurisprudence;
  - b. a UK Bill of Rights might, or might not, seek to weaken [art.8](#) protection for immigrants (no detail has been adduced by critics of the reforms);
  - c. solicitors and barristers should be alert to the SoS seeking to foreground the 2012 (and 2014) IR and, now, [s.19](#) of the IA 2014;

- d. jurisprudential battles remain to be fought, in the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court. [MF \(Nigeria\)](#), with the Master of the Rolls, remains highly arguable. [R \(MM\)](#) might be decisive, now that it will be considered by the Supreme Court. [Edgehill](#) and [Singh](#) are centrally about implementation clauses (and not [art.8](#));
- e. immigration judges, on the front line, are likely to remain amenable to submissions based on "pure" [art.8](#), however case workers on both sides have presented the issues; and
- f. the subjective nature of European proportionality balancing exercises, involving extensive factual analysis, remains strangely unfamiliar to common lawyers; they seem to prefer the literalism of lengthy Immigration Rules, surveyed in wordy determinations in the tribunals and *ex tempore* judgements in the Court of Appeal.

## Key Acts

[Immigration Act 1971](#)

[Human Rights Act 1998](#)

[Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002](#)

[UK Borders Act 2007](#)

[Immigration Act 2014](#)

## Key Subordinate Legislation

[Immigration Act 2014 \(Commencement No. 1, Transitory and Saving Provisions\) Order 2014/1820](#)

## Key Quasi-legislation

[Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules, 23 May 1994 \(HC 395\)](#)

[Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules, 30 March 2006 \(HC 1016\)](#)

[Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules, 13 June 2012 \(HC 194\)](#)

[Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules, 5 September 2012 \(HC 565\)](#)

[Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules, 10 July 2014 \(HC 532\)](#)

[Immigration Rules](#)

[Immigration Rules Pt 7](#)

[Immigration Rules Pt 8](#)

[Immigration Rules - Appendix FM](#)

[Immigration Rules - Appendix FM-SE](#)

## **Key European Union Legislation**

[European Convention on Human Rights](#)

## **Key Cases**

[R. \(on the application of Razgar\) v Secretary of State for the Home Department \(No.2\) \[2004\] UKHL 27; \[2004\] 2 A.C. 368](#)

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[Izuazu \(Article 8: New Rules: Nigeria\), Re \[2013\] UKUT 45 \(IAC\)](#)

[R. \(on the application of Nagre\) v Secretary of State for the Home Department \[2013\] EWHC 720 \(Admin\)](#)

[R. \(on the application of MM \(Lebanon\)\) v Secretary of State for the Home Department \[2013\] EWHC 1900 \(Admin\); \[2014\] 1 W.L.R. 2306](#)

[MF \(Nigeria\) v Secretary of State for the Home Department \[2013\] EWCA Civ 1192; \[2014\] 1 W.L.R. 544](#)

[R. \(on the application of MM \(Lebanon\)\) v Secretary of State for the Home Department \[2014\] EWCA Civ 985; \[2015\] 1 W.L.R. 1073](#)

[Edgehill v Secretary of State for the Home Department \[2014\] EWCA Civ 402; \[2014\] Imm. A.R. 883](#)

[Odelola v Secretary of State for the Home Department \[2009\] UKHL 25; \[2009\] 1 W.L.R. 1230](#)

[Singh v Secretary of State for the Home Department \[2015\] EWCA Civ 74](#)

## **Key Texts**

None.