**MARRIAGE VISITOR VISAS**

* What are these?

These visas are mandatory for anyone subject to immigration control who wishes to visit the UK to marry or give notice of a marriage. Applicants must be over 18 years of age to apply.

* Who needs one?

All EEA nationals apart from Irish citizens and those with EUSS status who remain exempt.

* How long are they valid for?

They can be applied for three months in advance of their travel to the UK and are usually valid for a period of six months.

* Do these affect the referral scheme?

A holder of a marriage visitor visa is exempt from the referral scheme and will not be referred to the Home Office.