

## **Tier 5 – 3 Month Concession**

UKBA have introduced a Concession to Tier 5 of the Points Based System, where as a Sponsor can engage the services of an overseas player/coach (from Australia or New Zealand only) for a maximum of 3 months without the need of the individual to gain Entry Clearance(visa).

The concession is there to help clubs if, for instance they need to source a short term replacement player to cover injury.

The concession means that the process to allow overseas player/coaches isn't as lengthy, however, all the criteria will still need to be met. Clubs will still need to gain endorsement from the ECB and issue a Certificate of Sponsorship, but this cannot be longer than 3 months.

All the individual will need is to have the Certificate of Sponsorship number.

Please do not give them a copy of the certificate.