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British Council for Chinese Martial Arts (BCCMA) endorsement requirements for organisations seeking to sponsor non-European Economic Area martial arts instructors in the UK under tier 2 and tier 5 of the Points-Based System

Applications

All applications will be reviewed by the BCCMA management committee.

Requirements for sponsors

For a Chinese martial arts association to be endorsed as a sponsor, they will need to:

- be a member of the BCCMA
 - the request should come from the head of the association or with the written approval of the head of the association to which they belong;
- have a sufficient database of members or written proof of external sponsorship to pay equivalent wages of a British citizen

Requirements for coaches/instructors

Coaches training for 2 weeks or less

The instructor will need to have a higher or equivalent level to BCCMA (level 2/3 coach) coaching qualifications/standards and hold a relevant insurance cover equal to that issued by the BCCMA insurers.

In relation to migrants coming to the UK for periods of less than two weeks, to fulfil one or more coaching engagements, each lasting no more than 5 days, these regulations require that the sponsor supply information on where courses are to be held and the length of the courses. No such endorsement will be extended longer than the original time applied for, without meeting the requirements set out below. Endorsements will only be issued to coaches who will be providing training to BCCMA members.

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Coaches training for more than 2 weeks

If an instructor seeks to remain in the UK for more than two weeks or to work as a coach for more than two weeks, these regulations require that the sponsor demonstrates that:

- They will be expected to provide proof that they have a higher or equivalent level to BCCMA (level 2/3 coach) coaching qualifications/standards
 - the post has been fairly advertised, in the martial arts press and the BCCMA web site so that British citizens have an opportunity to apply;
 - if no suitable British applicant was forthcoming, for Tier 2 migrants the association/sponsor has to endeavour to train a British citizen to the required standard to fill any subsequent posts; utilizing the skills of the migrant coach/instructor and BCCMA coaching courses. This has to be proven by producing a syllabus and the teacher training structure to the BCCMA for their approval. This then will be used by the BCCMA to check the progress of candidate coaches.
 - if a migrant coach/instructor is selected for the post they will be paid the equivalent wage that a British worker would receive;
 - the migrant coach/instructor will be expected to become an instructor member of the BCCMA and attend BCCMA coaching courses to update themselves in current British coaching standards;
 - they will abide by the BCCMA Rules, regulations and constitution;
 - all students being taught will be BCCMA members; and
- the visiting instructor/coach must hold a relevant insurance cover equal to that issued by the BCCMA insurers.

Extensions and changes of employment

Any sponsor applying for an extension must apply for a new BCCMA endorsement prior to the migrant's current permission expiring and must still meet the above requirements.

Migrant workers wishing to change sponsor/employment prior to, or at the end of, their current permission will need a new BCCMA endorsement and still meet the above requirements.



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Length of approval

Governing Body Endorsements will be issued for a period appropriate to the period of approval for sponsorship or the tier under which the application is being made, that is:

As a Sponsor - Tier 2 or Tier 5 - for 4 years

Migrant Tier 2 Sport

Initial application - length of contract or up to 3 years maximum, whichever is the shorter period

Extension application - length of contract or up to 2 years maximum, whichever is the shorter period

Migrant Tier 5 sporting – length of contract or up to 12 months, whichever is the shorter period.

Appeals

Any appeals to the decisions of the BCCMA to do with sponsors or migrant workers will be handled under the BCCMA appeals procedure which can be found in the BCCMA constitution.

Review

These requirements were created by the management committee from existing rules of the BCCMA and previous guidance of the Home Office and are for the year 2009 and will be reviewed annually.

These requirements and the full rules and regulations of the BCCMA can be found on the BCCMA web site (BCCMA.com).

Further Information

For any queries or advice, contact the BCCMA General Secretary Bob Weatherall at bob@bccma.com with a contact telephone number.

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