

# in touch with



## Welcome

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Welcome to the first edition of the ONTO newsletter.

We hope that this will be a way of keeping in touch with everyone involved with ONTO and we would like to invite you to contribute to the newsletter by sending us any items that you would like to be included. Perhaps you would like to tell us of your experiences (good or bad!) since arriving in Britain, or of anything funny that has happened to you in the past.

ONTO is now well established as an NVQ centre. We had our first External Verifier (EV) visit last

week and the outcome was very positive.

I just want to thank all the students and assessors who met with the EV, she was very impressed with you all!

NVQ is not easy; it needs every body to be fully committed within their own role and also needs us all to communicate with each other.

Thank you also to all our students for coming and joining ONTO. You all have made a lot contribution in supporting the ONTO move forward.

We always look forward to hearing from all our students or assessors and we try to work in a way that helps everyone achieve their goal.

ONTO is also pleased to tell you that we now have our first completed portfolio...well done Shiela! Shiela has completed her level 3 NVQ award and is now waiting for the External Verifier to sign it off in August. Shiela is currently applying for jobs and I am sure that she will do very well in her chosen career and we all wish her every success.

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## Standardisation Corner

with Chris Morris ONTO's Lead Verifier

I will be using this newsletter to inform you all of standard practice in order to maintain ONTO's high standards. I would like to start with Asses-

sor guidance.

### Signing and dating evidence records.

All written / word

processed records e.g., observation, witness testimonies, candidate reflections and copies of original certificates must be signed and dated by

### Special points of interest:

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# Latest news

Government's response to the House of Lords Committee's report on the economic impacts of migration 11

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The economic case for migration was reinforced today as the Government published its response to the House of Lords Committee's report on the economic impacts of migration.

The Government overwhelmingly agreed with the Committee's recommendations, including the argument that Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per head should be the key

test against which migration policy is judged. Ministers noted that since 1997 the UK has topped the G7 league table for growth in real GDP per head. In addition, the Government presented evidence showing that immigration has made a positive contribution to the GDP per capita of people born in the UK.

The Government underlined its estimate that new migration added 0.5 per cent per annum to trend out-

put growth between mid-2001 and mid-2006, by increasing the growth of the working age population, equivalent to £6bn in 2006 - a figure roughly equivalent to the size of the UK agriculture and fishing industry.

The Government and independent research continues to find no significant evidence of negative employment effects from migration.

In fact, immigration has contributed to the success of the UK economy by

*"evidence presented showing immigration makes positive contribution"*



# Welcome to new starters

**Onto is please to welcome new students:** Haidee Iso and Fritz Paul Olaso who arrived on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008. Both students have now commenced their clinical placement and training. Haidee is placed in Manchester and Fritz is placed in Ilkley.

**To the new assessors of ONTO:**

A1 Assessor induction programme have started on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2008. Chris Morris ONTO Internal Verifier has conducted the induction with the support of Gloria Cockerham NVQ co-ordinator.

**To the new NVQ placement provider:** Robina Clark Manager/

Proprietor of Claxton House Residential Home is very happy to provide a clinical placement for our NVQ students. Robina is also willing to assist in the provision of accommodation for the students during the programme.

**New staff:** No staff have joined ONTO this month.

## Current Immigration Points System

### The New Point-Based System (PBS):

*for Students:* anyone wanting to come to or remain in the UK under the Points-Based System (PBS) will need to show that he or she meets the requirements of the immigration rules and in particular that he or she has enough

Points to qualify. Points can be earned in different ways e.g. for qualifications and earnings. However in all cases (other than in the highly skilled tier of the PBS known as Tier 1) the migrant

*Things you need to know about immigration rules*

will require a **sponsor**.

*for Sponsors:* the sponsor will be a business or college in the UK that wishes to employ the migrant or has accepted him or her onto a course. In order to become a sponsor, the organisation will need to be licensed by the border and Immigration Agency.

## Dates of ONP & NVQ Programmes

The next programme for NVQ and ONP will be on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008, closing date for this programme will be on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2008. Please inform your friends and families to get in touch with ONTO for further information. Hurry, you

can enrol now before you miss this brilliant opportunity!

### IELTS preparation:

It was disappointing that there were not a lot of students signing up to attend the preparation

programme for IELTS. Please let ONTO know your availability. The preparation for IELTS will be held every month. Please note: the fees for preparation have increased. Contact ONTO for further information .

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*Overseas Nurses Training Organisation (ONTO) Limited is a fast growing organisation specialising in training and development of the healthcare workforce. We are registered with the Department for Education and Skills as an independent training provider in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.*

*ONTO gained accreditation with the University of North-*

## More News

### Accreditation with ASIC-

*The outcome of the first visit.* ONTO was inspected on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2008 by the Accreditation Service for International Colleges (ASIC). The aim of the visit is to ensure that ONTO is a bona fide training provider based in UK.

### The visits consist of 3 stages.

**Stage 1** application stage

**Stage 2** inspection of the premises, checking of ONTO's systems and processes and talking to the management.

**Stage 3** inspection of the clinical placement, speaking to the Mentors and

Assessors, observation of the training, talking to ONTO staff and students.

If ONTO is awarded an

**Trip to Wales** for student in October or November 2008. Again if you are interested in joining the group please contact ONTO

## Marjorie's corner

I would like to take this opportunity to launch this first issue of the Newsletter. I think this is one of the excellent ways of reaching out to the students and clinical placement assessors and employers. I fully support this project and I hope that this will give the students a space to share their own experience (good or bad!). I also hope that this will serve as a form of communication between ONTO management and ONTO Consultant Assessor and students.

I would also like to say a big thank you to all the staff of ONTO, Gloria, Lorraine, Ranjeet, Chris and Nigel and all the mentors and assessors for supporting ONTO in achieving its goals and objectives. I really do appreciate the help.

### Latest news:

**Mandatory courses are being offered on special offer- limited places only from £16.99 per person. Please contact ONTPO for further information**

