

Salaried Judge of the First-tier Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) 2010

Qualifying Test - Advance Information

The dates for the qualifying test are the **15-26 March 2010**. Provision for candidates to sit the test on alternative dates will be restricted to those with specific needs, such as, disabled candidates requiring reasonable adjustments. You are therefore asked to make arrangements to be available on this date.

The qualifying test will be the **sole method** of shortlisting candidates for selection days for this exercise. Shortlisting is a competitive process, so the test is designed to be challenging. Preparation is strongly advised and there will be time pressure. There is no pre-set pass mark for this test. We usually aim to interview between two and three candidates per vacancy, therefore candidates who are invited to a selection day, will be those scoring highest in the test.

Candidates will sit the test under exam conditions at **Steel House in London**. For candidates with special needs or those requiring reasonable adjustments, separate arrangements may be made if required. If you have any queries regarding the test, please contact the team as outlined in the information pack.

The test has been devised by Immigration Judges and has been piloted and equality proofed. It is designed to test some elements of the qualities and abilities which will be assessed at the selection day for those shortlisted. The quality marked with an asterisk is particularly pertinent to this post.

- **Intellectual Capacity ***
- **Personal Qualities**
- **An Ability to Understand and Deal Fairly**
- **Authority and Communication Skills**
- **Efficiency**

The test consists of a case study based on a fictional scenario, which will raise substantive and procedural issues of law. The test will last **90 minutes**, which includes reading time.

Candidates will be required to complete the test using either paper and writing materials or a laptop computer that can be provided.

Preparation

The following materials will help you prepare for the test; these will also be provided during the test:

- **The case of: *GW and An Immigration Officer, Heathrow*:**

http://www.ait.gov.uk/Public/Upload/j2256/00050_ukait_2009_gw_netherlands.doc

- **The Consolidated AIT Procedure Rules:**

http://www.tribunals.gov.uk/Tribunals/Documents/Rules/Consolidated_AI_ProcedureRules2005.pdf

- **The 2006 EEA Regulations:**

<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2006/20061003.htm>

- **The Human Rights Act 1998:**

http://www.opsi.gov.uk/ACTS/acts1998/plain/ukpga_19980042_en

You will also be provided with a copy of the text book: **Immigration Law Handbook (Phelan & Gillespie)**; this will be provided for reference only, since the above materials contain all the information required to complete the test. You will not be permitted to bring any materials with you into the test.

Some candidates for these appointments may not have a background in immigration law. The questions have therefore been designed to enable candidates to demonstrate their general legal and procedural skills and the capacity to acquire relevant knowledge; although it will be by reference to this particular jurisdiction.