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British High Commission set to increase Visa fees

For many Australians, Britain is the first place they think of when they consider working overseas. From the infamous pubs and cobblestoned London streets, to the close proximity of Europe, spending a year or two in the UK is an attractive option for many working holiday makers.

The current Visa for UK-bound Aussies is the Youth Mobility Scheme, which has been in place since replacing the Working Holiday Visa early in 2009. The visa costs just £130 and allows applicants to live and work anywhere in the UK for up to two years. However, a recent statement by the British Immigration Minister, Damian Green suggests a significant price rise is imminent.

If approved by the British Government, the changes, which will take effect from 6 April 2011 will see the Youth Mobility Scheme increase by more than 45%, from £130 to £190.

In light of this announcement, non-profit working holiday company International Exchange Programs (IEP) is urging anyone who is considering a working holiday to the UK in 2011, to submit their visa application as soon as possible to secure the current pricing of the visa.

For more information on IEP's programs, please visit www.iep.org.au or call 1300 300 912

For more information on the fee increases, please visit:
<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2011/february/66-propose-fee-increases>

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