EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Immigration (Health Charge) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/792) ("the Principal Order") which requires a person who applies for entry clearance for a limited period, or for limited leave to remain in the United Kingdom, to pay an immigration health charge. Schedule 1 to the Principal Order sets out the annual amount of the charge which is payable and Schedule 2 contains a number of exemptions from the obligation to pay the charge.

Article 2 amends Schedule 1 to the Principal Order to provide that those applying under the immigration rules for entry clearance as a Tier 5 (Youth Mobility Scheme) Temporary Migrant will be required to pay the immigration health charge at an annual amount of £150, instead of £200 which is the current amount payable by such an applicant who is not within one of the exemptions in the Principal Order. An applicant from Australia or New Zealand who is currently exempt will, as a result of Article 3, be required to pay an annual amount of £150.

Article 3 amends Schedule 2 to the Principal Order to update the reference to the immigration rules relating to visitors and remove the exemption from paying the immigration health charge which applies to a national of Australia or New Zealand.

A full regulatory impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector is annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available alongside the instrument at www.legislation.gov.uk.