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The current immigration rules came into force on 27 November 2008. They raise from 18 to 21 the minimum age at which a person may sponsor, or may be granted, entry clearance (including visas) or limited leave as the spouse, civil partner, fiancé(e), proposed civil partner, unmarried partner or same-sex partner of another person.

JCWI challenged the Home Office's decision to change the rules on the basis of discrimination and human rights. The High Court did not rule in favour of the arguments we put forward but we plan to appeal this decision.

See coverage of this case in the media:

<http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/standard/article-23780835-married-teens-are-forced-out.do>

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8351061.stm>

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8400390.stm>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1226416/Young-Briton-husband-forced-live-Chile-new-laws-mean-visa-theyre-21.html>

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/married-couple-too-young-to-live-in-the-uk-1836046.html>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/6752956/Teenage-couple-who-are-too-young-lose-court-battle-to-live-in-UK.html>

<http://www.express.co.uk/posts/view/144723/Marriage-law-forces-bride-to-leave-UK>

<http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/standard/article-23780835-married-teens-are-forced-out.do>

Coverage in Chile

<http://www.lun.com/Pages/NewsDetail.aspx?dt=2009-12-08&PaginaId=4&bodyid=0>

Radio Coverage

Listen to JCWI's Chief Executive discussing this issue on the BBC's Today programme and the BBC's Asian Network.

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