

Britain: For Work Visa, Ask in English

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Prime Minister Gordon Brown will tighten immigration rules, requiring that all skilled workers from outside the European Union be able to demonstrate that they can speak English, his office confirmed. The rules are to be announced by Mr. Brown in a speech to the Trade Unions Congress today. About 96,000 workers in the skilled category entered Britain last year, and about 35,000 of them would have failed the test, The Sunday Telegraph quoted a government official as saying.