

# THIRD SUPPLEMENT TO THE GIBRALTAR GAZETTE

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## BILL

FOR

**AN ACT** to amend the Immigration, Asylum and Refugee Act to allow for the issuing of a permit of residence for a period of time not exceeding 12 months to persons enrolled at the University of Gibraltar and expand on what would constitute comprehensive sickness cover in relation to students.

**ENACTED** by the Legislature of Gibraltar.

### **Title.**

1. This Act may be cited as the Immigration, Asylum and Refugee (Amendment) Act 2022.

### **Commencement.**

2. This Act comes into operation on the day of publication.

### **Amendment of the Immigration, Asylum and Refugee Act.**

3.(1) The Immigration, Asylum and Refugee Act is amended in accordance with this section.

(2) In section 18—

(a) in subsection (1), after paragraph (ee) insert—

“(ef) a permit of residence entitling the holder to remain in Gibraltar for a period of time not exceeding 12 months;” and

(b) after subsection (3), insert—

“(4) A permit of residence shall only be issued under the provisions of subsection (1)(ef) if the Principal Immigration Officer is satisfied that the applicant is enrolled at the University of Gibraltar on a full-time academic course.”.

(3) In section 55C, after subsection 5 insert—

“(5A) For the purposes of subsection (5)(b), a student enrolled at the University of Gibraltar on a full-time academic course shall be deemed to have comprehensive sickness insurance cover in Gibraltar if they have been registered as a member of the Medical Group Practice Scheme.”.

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### **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

This Act amends the Immigration, Asylum and Refugee Act by creating a new permit of residence for the exclusive use of persons that are undertaking a full-time academic course at the University of Gibraltar and ensuring that in the charging the student surcharge by the University of Gibraltar, students will still be able to comply with the requirement to have comprehensive sickness insurance cover under section 55C.

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