

New UK visa rules singe tech sector

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BENGALURU: Days before British prime minister Theresa May's visit to India, the UK government has announced changes to its visa policy for non-EU nationals. This will adversely impact Indian IT professionals on intra-company transfers.

The new rules require Indian IT firms applying for visas after Nov 24 under the tier-2 intra-company transfer category to pay at least 30,000 pounds to the transferred employees, compared to 20,800 pounds previously.

"Brexit, along with this 50% increase in salary threshold, will adversely impact Indian IT companies doing business not just in the UK but also serving clients in EU through their UK offices," said Vikram Shroff, head of the HR law practice at law firm Nishith Desai Associates. tnn