

## **Exceptional Leave, Humanitarian Protection and Discretionary Leave**

From 1st April 2003, exceptional leave will no longer be granted. For unsuccessful asylum seekers who nevertheless have a need for international protection or have other truly compelling reasons for not being removed, **Humanitarian Protection (HP)** or **Discretionary Leave (DL)** may be granted.

In non-asylum cases there will remain scope for leave to be granted outside the Immigration Rules other than on HP or DL grounds - this will be called **Leave Outside the Rules (LOTR)**.

Many of the policy instructions on the website have already been amended, however exceptional leave was a concept which applied to a large number of different areas and it will take some time to replace all references and amend all appropriate instructions.

General details of Humanitarian Protection and Discretionary Leave (on the asylum side) are set out in APU Notice 01/2003. More information can be found in the API's on Humanitarian Protection and Discretionary Leave.

General details on Leave Outside the Rules (LOTR) should be published shortly. Until then, further information can be obtained from INPD.