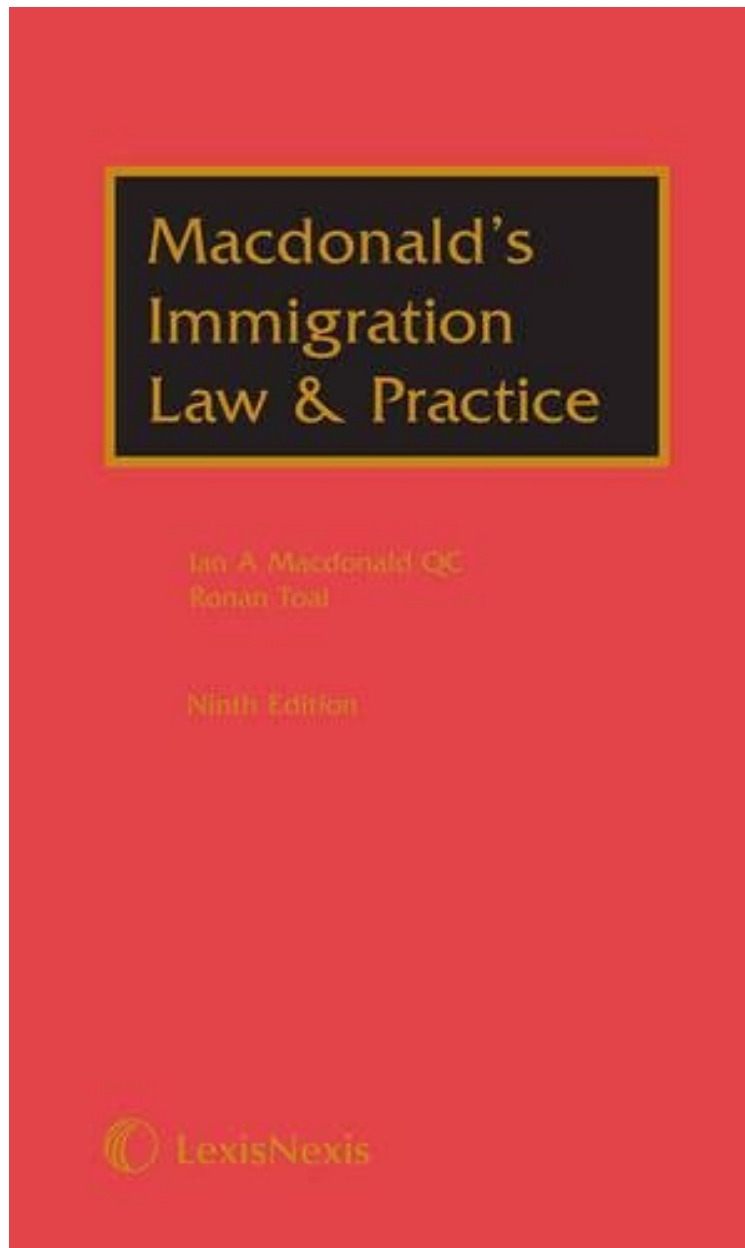


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MBEREFLECTING THE MOVING TAPESTRY OF CHANGE IN IMMIGRATION: THE NEW 9th EDITION OF MACDONALDS IMMIGRATION LAW PRACTICE An appreciation by Phillip Taylor MBE and Elizabeth Taylor of Richmond Green Chambers Immigration lawyers, or lawyers professionally involved with immigration cases from time to time will welcome this new ninth edition of Macdonalds Immigration Law Practice recently published by LexisNexis. Within a legal landscape in which a prodigious amount of change has taken place since the last edition of 2010, the authors and their team of thirty-nine expert contributors are to be congratulated this new statement, which is a substantive one, on this difficult subject, especially bearing in mind the amount of new material that has had to be included. Immigration law, say the authors, is a moving tapestry of change, which is why Volume 1 of this edition had to be delayed until early 2015 to include the recent changes to the powers of removal and to the rights of appeal created by the Immigration Act 2014. In the considered opinion of the authors, the Act has accelerated the process of drawing ever more state and non-state actors into the apparatus of immigration control, to the evident disadvantage of migrants. As immigration law specialists, they express considerable disquiet over the new Act, which in their view adds to the information gathering information sharing powers of the state. Another departure from previous editions of this work of reference is the separate section of Chapter 1 which deals with legal aid, now in notoriously short supply. Also examined are the new family and private life rules and also Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights (as it applies to immigration and asylum) which presents areas of confusion in view of the new Immigration Act 2014. Busy immigration lawyers will be bemused and no doubt in agreement with the comment by the authors (in the preface) on the dreadful lettering/numbering of the new family and private life rules. We have it on good authority that the lady in the Home Office who drafted the rules makes no admission whatsoever that she had anything to do with the lettering/numbering. But whoever was responsible, it is one more example of an ongoing process of making immigration law impossibly complex and impenetrable. A much needed and well deserved swipe at unaccountable bureaucracy here and no doubt as timely as the publication of this new edition. Perhaps -- and this is a suggestion -- the judiciary might be asked to extend their role by introducing some clarity of thought in the drafting of future rules, which in the final analysis, they have to interpret. In the meantime, judges and lawyers, as well as immigration advisers have long considered Macdonald on Immigration, (the accepted shorthand title), as their guide and friend in court. This authoritative statement on immigration law covers all areas with which the practitioner needs to be familiar and is therefore in this new edition a must-have purchase for the well-stocked law library. The publication date is cited as at 1 November 2014, although Volume 1 was actually published early in 2015 as explained above.

Since the publication of the first edition in 1983 Macdonald's Immigration Law Practice has established itself as the standard textbook in the field and is recognised by the legal profession as the most authoritative text on immigration law. Written with precision by leading immigration experts the work has been updated to offer all of the latest legislation, cases, political developments and commentary and guidance on every significant aspect of the law and practice of immigration. The ninth edition has been fully revised to contain all the latest SIs, and recent case law, including decisions from Strasbourg, the House of Lords and the Court of Appeal as well as the latest immigration appeals Procedure Rules, Practice Direction and CPR.