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Private Individual Immigration Fees Guide

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Introduction

Our immigration services for private individuals are based on an hourly rate of between £250-£300 exclusive of VAT at 20% where applicable. The hourly rate is based on our Business Immigration Solicitor with 12 years PQE.

Immigration matters are increasingly complex and there are multiple variables however, we will give you an accurate estimate once we have taken initial instructions from you and these will be agreed upon and stated in our engagement letter.

Below we have given a range of fees associated with various immigration applications, these are for straightforward immigration matters where the applicant can satisfy the Immigration Rules. The higher end of the fee is for matters that may have moderate complexity or time-consuming factors.

The exact number of hours it will take and associated depends on the circumstances in your case, such as:

- The amount of supporting evidence that we need to consider
- If you meet the requirements of the Immigration Rules easily
- Which language(s) you speak
- Whether you are applying with other dependants- we charge separately for each dependant
- Whether you previous adverse immigration history, refusals or any criminal records
- The complexity of your matter
- The urgency of your matter
- Whether it is an initial or extension application



What service is included in the price

- Assessing your circumstances in detail and confirming which is the most appropriate application for you to make and what other options may be available to you.
- Giving you advice about the requirements of the law and assessing whether you meet the criteria.
- If you do not fulfil certain criteria, whether this can be overcome and how.
- Providing you with a detailed and tailored checklist of documents for your particular application and certain templates.
- Considering your supporting evidence and providing feedback and advice.
- Preparing the application covering letter with legal representations on our firm's letterhead.
- Liaising with any 3rd parties such as your accountants or business consultants to obtain the required evidence.
- Completing the application form following your instructions and offering advice on completion and booking of visa appointments in the UK or abroad.
- Preparing your application package for submission to the Home Office and advising on processing timelines.
- Liaising with the Home Office on any further enquiries.
- Giving you advice about the outcome of the application, conditions of your visa and any immediate further steps you need to take.

Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as visa fees. You will pay these directly to the Home Office. For information on current visa fees see the [Home Office website](#).

Costs quoted here exclude

- Any [Home Office fees](#) for making the application. You will pay this to the Home Office directly as part of the application process.
- Home Office Immigration Health Surcharge.
- Where the Home Office refuse your application, any advice and assistance in relation to any appeal or further application.
- Applications for Dependants such as partner and children under 18.
- Costs for English language tests, tuberculosis tests, criminal record certificates, biometrics.
- Attendance at a Home Office interview: Interviews are rare in most categories, if the Home Office ask you to attend an interview, we can give you clear advice (and discuss the possibility of us attending with you) at the appropriate time. We can give you an additional quote for this if required.
- Translation costs for documents which must be provided to the Home Office in English

Processing and preparation times

We cannot guarantee how long the Home Office will take to process your application. [Read](#) the current processing times.

There are vastly different processing times depending on the application you are making and we can advise you in detail once instructed.



We ask clients to instruct us at least 2-6 months before their intended visa start date, or expiry date of their current visa to ensure they have enough time to qualify under time sensitive requirements in relation to financial evidence and prepare complex documents adequately.

Our fees - based on our average hourly rate of £250 plus VAT

The fee ranges will depend on the complexity of your matter and the lower end fee is for straightforward matter with the higher fees will be for more complex matters.

Applications for ancestry, naturalisation or registration under the British Nationality Act 1981

On average, this type of work takes between 8-20 hours to complete. This means that on average costs are between £2000 and £5000. All figures exclude VAT unless specifically stated.

Application for a British passport

On average, this type of work takes between 2-12 hours to complete. This means that on average costs are between £500 and £3000. All figures exclude VAT unless specifically stated.

Application under EU Settlement Scheme for EU Citizens and their family members

On average, this type of work takes between 3-20 hours to complete. This means that on average costs are between £750 and £2000. All figures exclude VAT unless specifically stated.

Applications for spouse and partner visas, including fiancé(e)s, same-sex partners or proposed civil partners

On average, this type of work takes between 8-25 hours to complete. This means that on average costs are between £2000 and £6250. All figures exclude VAT unless specifically stated.

Applications for Representative of an Overseas Business Visa

On average, this type of work takes between 10-30 hours to complete. This means that on average costs are between £2500 and £7500. All figures exclude VAT unless specifically stated.

Visitor Visa applications for tourism, business, marriage or family visit

On average, this type of work takes between 6-15 hours to complete. This means that on average costs are between £1500 and £3750. All figures include VAT unless specifically stated.

Applications to settle in the UK (indefinite leave to remain) or on the basis of long residence 10/20 years

On average, this type of work takes between 10-25 hours to complete. This means that on average costs are between £2500 and £6250. All figures exclude VAT unless specifically stated.

Applications under EU Settlement Scheme for settled or pre settled status

On average, this type of work takes between 2-20 hours to complete. This means that on average costs are between £500 and £5000. All figures exclude VAT unless specifically stated.



Points Based System Applications

Tier 1 Investor Visa

On average, this type of work takes between 20-40 hours to complete. This means that on average costs are between £5000 and £11250. All figures exclude VAT unless specifically stated.

Tier 1 Exceptional Talent Visa

On average, this type of work takes between 10-25 hours to complete. This means that on average costs are between £2500 and £6250. All figures exclude VAT unless specifically stated.

Tier 1 Innovator Visa

On average, this type of work takes between 8-18 hours to complete. This means that on average costs are between £2000 and £4500. All figures include VAT unless specifically stated.

Tier 1 Start- Up Visa

On average, this type of work takes between 6-15 hours to complete. This means that on average costs are between £1500 and £3750. All figures include VAT unless specifically stated.

Employment Tier 2 (General) & Tier 2 (Intra Company Transfer) visas

On average, this type of work takes between 6-25 hours to complete. This means that on average costs are between £1500 and £6,250. All figures exclude VAT unless specifically stated.

Tier 4 General Student or Child Student visas-for study in the UK

On average, this type of work takes between 8-16 hours to complete. This means that on average costs are between £2000 and £4000. All figures exclude VAT unless specifically stated.

Tier 5 Temporary Worker (Creative and sporting) or (Youth Mobility Scheme)

On average, this type of work takes between 6-18 hours to complete. This means that on average costs are between £1500 and £4500. All figures exclude VAT unless specifically stated.