

Immigration Fees

This guidance note provides you with more information about our fees, what the fees include and exclude, and how you can contact us for more information.

Immigration Applications

We charge fixed fees for the following immigration applications:

- applications for **naturalisation** or registration under the British Nationality Act 1981
- applications on behalf of **European Economic Area (EEA) nationals** and their family members under the applicable EEA Regulations or Immigration Rules, including applications for permanent residence, residence cards, registration certificates, and settled status
- applications under the **Immigration Rules**, including:
 - student and work experience visas;
 - visit visas (for tourism, or visiting friends / family);
 - spouse and partners applications; including fiancé(e)s or proposed civil partners, dependent relative
 - applications for work, business or study under the Points-Based System;
 - family reunion applications; ancestry visas;
 - other categories, such as applications on the basis of long residence

Fixed Fees

Our fees will be fixed at the commencement of your case. They will cover the work involved with your application up to and advising on the decision from the Home Office. The average **fixed fees** we charge are as follows:

- For British Nationality and Registration Applications - £949 to £1459
- For EEA national applications - £949 to £1459
- For applications under the Immigration Rules - £949 to £1849

The above fees are based on the average amount of time spent on these cases and its complexity. The exact time it will take depends on the circumstances in your case such as:

- The factual and legal complexity of the case;
- Whether your application meets the requirements of the relevant law or is made outside the requirements on other grounds (e.g. human rights grounds);
- The level of contact required between you and your lawyer;
- The amount of research and evidence required to support your case.

The fees are an estimate based on the information above. If your application is within the relevant requirements of the law and you have all the necessary evidence at our first meeting, then the costs is likely to be at the lower end of this range. All applications are likely to vary and we can give you a more accurate estimate once we have more information about your case.

Tribunal Hearings

We also provide advice and representation at the **First-tier Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber)** in relation to appeals against Home Office visa or immigration decisions. If you require advice and representation at an appeal, the average fixed fees we charge are between £1849 and £2999. These figures exclude VAT which is charged at 20%. This depends on the amount of work required.

For the appeal hearing we usually instruct high quality barristers to represent you. We will recommend more than one barrister to you and obtain quotes for you, so that you can make an informed choice before we instruct a barrister. Costs for the barrister are likely to be in the range of £750 and £1500 plus VAT if payable.

Fixed fees for other cases not listed above

The following cases are often more complex and therefore the fees will be tailored accordingly. We will be happy to discuss these fees, or any of the above fees, directly with you.

- asylum applications
- statelessness applications
- human rights/private life applications
- applications for Secretary of State immigration bail
- reconsideration and legacy requests
- judicial review, such as claims for unlawful detention
- immigration services to businesses (eg applications for certificates of sponsorship or confirmation of acceptance for studies)

Please call us 02088111532 to discuss your case with us so that we can quote you accordingly.

What do the fixed fees include

The fixed fees include the following work:

- Assessing your circumstances, determining how we can assist you, and providing you with an opinion on the merits of your case:
 - Discussing your circumstances in detail and confirming the appropriate application to make and what other options may be available to you;
 - Giving you advice about the requirements of the relevant rules, regulations, laws or other criteria;
 - If you do not meet the requirements of the relevant rules, regulations, laws and other criteria, whether they are other options available to you;
- This stage often takes between 3 to 5 hours of work, depending on what you have available at the time we speak, the complexity of your case and the necessary research required.
- Preparing your application or appeal, obtaining further evidence including witness statements, and submitting it on your behalf;
- Managing your case with the Home Office, including support at any interviews (if on the rare occurrence you are invited to attend, or managing your appeal, and giving you advice on the outcome of the application.

What do the fixed fees exclude

The fixed fees do not include the following:

- VAT (If you reside outside the European Union no VAT is chargeable)
- Interpreting or translating costs (these fees can range between £30 to £45 per hour)
- Home Office fees (see here for details: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/visa-regulations-revised-table>)

- NHS surcharges (see here for details: <https://www.gov.uk/healthcare-immigration-application>)
- Tribunal or court fees (see here for details: <https://www.gov.uk/immigration-asylum-tribunal>)
- Other costs payable to organisations which are incurred by us as your representative for example independent expert fees. These are not required in every case and we will let you know if we consider them necessary and seek your authorisation before obtaining them.

Hourly Rates

Where your case does not attract a fixed fee, or is not suitable for one, we will charge £200 for a Director/Partner and £150 for an accredited advisor.

How long will my application take

We cannot guarantee how long the Home Office will take to process your application. You can view current Home Office processing times here: <https://www.gov.uk/visa-processing-times>.

We will normally be able to submit this type of application within 2-4 weeks of you instructing us depending on the availability of the required documents, but we will let you know at the earliest opportunity if it is likely to take longer than this. If your case is urgent with a deadline for submission within 2 weeks, we will discuss with you the practicalities of meeting the deadline and if we are able to do so agree an appropriate plan of action.

How experienced are you

All those that work on your cases are experienced in immigration and asylum matters, accredited under the Law Society Immigration and Asylum Accreditation Scheme, a solicitor, or supervised by a person accredited under this scheme or a solicitor.

More information

Call us on 02088111532 to discuss your case with us and we will be able to accurately quote a fixed fee in line with this policy.

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