

## Immigration

Our fee starts at £200 per hour plus VAT (where applicable). The below are estimates of fees payable for certain types of applications. The actual cost will depend on a number of factors including the complexity of your case and seniority of the lawyer dealing with the matter and the time spent on your matter:

Our consultation rate is £100 (+ VAT if applicable) for a 60-minute consultation. We will deduct this consultation fee from your total fees once we are engaged to act for you.

We cannot offer legal advice over the phone or by email prior to being formally engaged as your legal representative, but our solicitors are happy to understand your matter over the phone/by email and offer a consultation if it is required.

Our current rates are set out below:

These charges are reviewed annually, and we will let you know if the rates increase.

Application Type	Average working time	Average costs
Naturalisation or registration under the British nationality Act 1981	4-6 hours	£800 – 1200
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, and registration certificates	5-8 hours	£1000 – £1600
*Student and work experience visas, *visit visas (for tourism, or visiting friends / family)	5-8 hours	£1000 – £1600
Spouse and partners applications, including fiancé(e)s or proposed civil partners	5-10 hours	£1000 – £2000
Applications for work, business or study under the Points-Based System	8-10 hours	£1600 – £3000
Dependent relative and family reunion applications	6-10 hours	£1200 – £2000
Ancestry visas	6-8 hours	£1200 – £1600
Other categories, such as applications on the basis of long residence	5-7 hours	£1000 – £1400

All figures exclude VAT unless specifically stated.

In all cases, the quoted fee includes:

- Meeting with you
- Taking initial instructions
- Discussing your circumstances in detail and confirming whether this 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 Immigration Rules, timescales and whether you meet the criteria
- if you do not fulfil certain criteria, whether this can be overcome and how
- considering the supporting evidence, you have provided
- where necessary, helping you obtain further evidence (such as medical records and bank statements), including taking statements of any witnesses
- preparing your application and submitting it on your behalf
- giving you advice about the outcome of the application and any further steps you need to take. However, the exact number of hours it will take depends on the circumstances in your case. Such as:
- The amount of supporting evidence that we need to consider

- Which language(s) you speak. You do not always have to use an interpreter of the firm's choosing. You can bring a friend or another community figure to come and help interpret.
- Whether you are applying with other dependants.
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If you are able to provide sufficient evidence at our first meeting and clearly meet the applicable Immigration Rules, the cost is likely to be at the lower end of this range.

#### **What's not included in costs set out above:**

- Attendance at a Home Office interview: if the Home Office ask you to attend an interview, we will give you clear advice and discuss the possibility of us attending with you at the appropriate time. This could be between 4 and 6 hours of work.
- Where the Home Office refuse your application, advice and assistance in relation to any appeal/review or further work on the matter
- If there is an interview and we do attend with you, there will be additional disbursements in respect of our mileage/travel expenses

#### **Disbursements**

Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as visa fees. We handle the payment of the disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process. Some other examples of disbursements are (but not limited to) the following:

- Interpreters fees. Where applicable. A quotation can be provided upon request. Generally this fee is in the region of £30.00 plus VAT per hour.
- Often clients will bring a friend or another community figure to come and help interpret.
- Independent expert reports e.g. medical experts. These are not required in many cases: we will let you know as soon as possible if we consider an expert report is necessary. Experts fee vary from £500 up to £2000 plus VAT.
- Counsel / Barrister fees are between £500.00 to £3000.00 plus vat. A quotation can be provided upon request.
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#### **Value Added Tax (VAT)**

Our costs are subject to VAT. Where an expert is registered for VAT purposes their fee would be subject to VAT. VAT amount at present is 20% of the quoted fee.

#### **How long will my application take?**

We cannot guarantee how long the Home Office will take to process your application. Read the current processing times. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/visa-processing-times-applications-inside-the-uk>

We will normally be able to submit most applications within 1-2 weeks of you instructing us, but this depends on whether all documentation is ready and/or if the application has sufficient merits. We will let you know at the earliest opportunity if it is likely to take longer than this.

Please note the anticipated number of hours and fees are an estimate based on the facts above

All applications are likely to vary and of course, we can give you a more accurate estimate once we have more information about your specific case.

#### **For hourly rate basis, our charges are set below:**

Solicitors/legal executives with over 8 years post qualification experience Grade A £312.00

Solicitors/legal executives with over 4 years' experience grade B £256.00

other qualified solicitors / legal executives grade C £204.00

Trainee/paralegal Grade D £143.00