

# IMMIGRATION SERVICES IN ENGLAND & WALES

## OUR SERVICES

Our immigration solicitors provide services to individuals on certain types of immigration application, with a focus on business/work related immigration. This document sets out the information required by the SRA Transparency Rules in relation to immigration services offered.

## OUR ESTIMATED CHARGES FOR UK IMMIGRATION SERVICES?

Where we have an existing relationship with a client, our fees are often negotiated. For clients instructing us on a range of matters including employment and immigration work we may be able to agree an appropriate fee structure.

For routine immigration applications our fee estimates are outlined in the table below (fee estimates are exclusive of VAT, which will be charged at the rate of 20%, and disbursements).

SERVICE/APPLICATION	ESTIMATE FEE
Applications under the Immigration European Economic Area) Regulations 2016 (including applications for permanent residency)	£2,500 - £5,000
Applications by EEA Nationals for Settled Status	£1,000 - £5,000
Applications for Indefinite Leave to remain	£3,000 - £7,000
Applications for naturalisation as a British citizen (adults)	£3,000 - £7,000
Ancestry Visas	£2,000 - £5,000
Tier 5 Youth Mobility Scheme	£1,500 - £2,000
Standard Visitor Visa	£1,000 - £3,000
Applications under Tier 1	£8,000 - £10,000
Spouse and partner applicants	£2,000 - £5,000

For other kinds of immigration application we either operate an hourly rate which is reviewed every January or we can agree fixed fees according to the scope of the instruction.

Our current hourly charge out rates are as follows. These rates do not include VAT which will be charged at the rate of 20%.

Partner/Director/Consultant	£550
Managing / Senior Associate	£475
Associate	£425
Senior Solicitor	£355 to £375*
Solicitor	£310
Trainee	£210

\*depending on experience

All work is, of course, carried out at the appropriate level in order to ensure a balance is struck between mitigating professional costs and efficiently progressing the matter.

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## WHAT FACTORS CAN INCREASE THESE COSTS?

A number of factors could cause an increase in the estimates provided in the table opposite.

**They include:**

- Country of application.
- Applications where there has been a previous refusal, prior criminal convictions or other unforeseen or unusual circumstances arise.
- A requirement for further applications for example appeals, administrative reviews or judicial review.
- Urgency of the application.

## DISBURSEMENTS

In addition to legal fees, there are a number of other costs, known as disbursements, which may be payable during the application process and payable to a third party. For immigration applications, third party disbursements include application fees payable to the Home Office. A list of current application fees is available on the [UK Government website](#).

### Further costs may be incurred for:

- Notarising documents;
- Translation Services; and
- Courier or copying charges.

Disbursements can be significant. If it is necessary to incur these costs you would be advised of them.

## KEY STAGES

### The estimated fees cover the following:

- Initial consultation – taking initial instructions and providing advice on eligibility for visa type.
- Liaising with you on the documents required and supporting you with your completion of the relevant application forms.
- Reviewing documents and applications.
- Drafting template documents (for example affidavits) to be submitted in support of an application.
- Coordinating the submission of the application together with any supporting documents.
- Monitoring progress of the application on your behalf and updating on progress.
- Handling any points of clarification required by the relevant authorities.
- Obtaining and communicating the outcome of the application.
- Advising on any further steps to be taken where necessary.

## HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

The amount of time it will take from our initial consultation to the determination of the application will depend on a number of factors including the type of application made; where the application is made from (within or outside the UK) and whether additional information is needed by the relevant authorities to process the application.

For certain types of application it is possible to use a premium processing service which will speed up the application process. The UK Government will charge a higher application in cases where this service is available and is selected.

The UK Government provides estimated processing times for different applications. Current processing times can be found on [this link](#)

## PEOPLE

Our employment and immigration team members are listed on our [website](#). Immigration work is supervised by Partners, Elaine McIlroy and Lynne Marr.

For more information, or to discuss a bespoke fee quote, please contact one of our solicitors.



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