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We regularly prepare and submit a variety of immigration applications for individuals and have set out below the visa applications we most commonly deal with. We advise on a whole range of applications so if the type of visa application you are looking to make is not listed below, please contact us directly so that we can provide a fee estimate.

All estimated fees below are excluding VAT at the rate of 20%. VAT may or may not be payable on the below fee estimate as this is dependent on the country in which you reside and you will be advised of this before work on your application commences.

Global Talent Visa – Tier 1

The Global Talent visa is open to applicants who work in a qualifying field and have been endorsed as a recognised leader (exceptional talent), an emerging leader (recognised promise) or under the UK Research and Innovation endorsed funder option. The application process has two stages. Stage 1 requires an application for endorsement must be submitted to the Home Office for consideration by the relevant endorsing body. Details of the current endorsing bodies can be found here. Stage 2, following endorsement, requires a visa application to be made to the Home Office.

Stage 1 – endorsement:

Basic – all endorsing bodies:

- initial correspondence with you regarding eligibility;
- review of the draft personal statement, CV, supporting documents and letters of recommendation;
- written advice on whether the application meets the eligibility criteria for endorsement and if not, what aspects of the application need to be improved.

£560 - £850

Enhanced – applications for endorsement by Tech Nation, The Royal Institute of British Architects and The Arts Council:

- initial correspondence with you regarding eligibility;
- providing you with guidance on the required documentation;
- review of the draft personal statement and CV and advice to you on issues and improvements to be made;
- advice to you on appropriate authors for the letters of recommendation, review of up to three draft letters of recommendation, advice to you on whether they meet the eligibility criteria and amending the letters;
- advice on potential supporting documents in support of the application;
- review of draft supporting documents provided by you and advice on whether these are adequate and meet the eligibility criteria and amending the documents;
- advice on additional documents you may be able to provide in support of the application and changes to the documents you have collated to improve your application;
- review of and advice to you on the draft application form(s) and amendments to be made;
- advice to you on the application process and queries.

£1,500 - £2,250

<u>Enhanced – applications for endorsement by The Royal Society, The British Academy, The Royal Academy of Engineering and UK Research and Innovation:</u>

- initial correspondence with you regarding eligibility;
- providing you with guidance on the required documentation;
- review of the draft personal statement and CV and advice to you on issues and improvements to be made;
- advice to you on appropriate authors for the letters of recommendation and review of up to two draft letters of recommendation, advice to you on whether they meet the eligibility criteria and amending the letter(s);
- review of up to three draft supporting documents provided by you and advice on whether these are adequate and meet the eligibility criteria and amending the documents;
- advice on alternative documents you may be able to provide in support of the application and changes to the documents you have collated to improve your application;
- review of and advice to you on the draft application form and amendments to be made;
- advice to you on the application process and queries.

£1,250 - £1,750

Stage 2 – visa application:

- reviewing and suggesting appropriate amendments to draft Home Office visa application form; and
- advice to you on the application process and queries.

£750 - £1,250

General Work Visa – Tier 2, Intra-Company Transfer Visa – Tier 2

- initial correspondence with you regarding eligibility;
- review of and advice to you on the draft completed application form;
- advice to you on the application process and gueries;
- advice on which supporting documents to provide with the application;
- assist with questions about the process or correspondence from the Home Office.

£750 - £1,250

General Student Visa - Tier 4

- initial correspondence with you regarding eligibility;
- review of and advice to you on the draft completed application form;
- advice to you on the application process;
- advice on which supporting documents to provide with the application; and
- assist with questions about the process or correspondence from the Home Office.

£550 - £750

PBS Dependant Visa

- initial correspondence with you regarding eligibility;
- review of and advice to you on the draft completed application form;
- advice to you on the application process;
- advice on which supporting documents to provide with the application; and
- assist with questions about the process or correspondence from the Home Office.

£600 - £1,000

Indefinite Leave to Remain (settlement in the UK)

- initial correspondence with you regarding eligibility;
- review of and advice to you on the draft completed application form;
- advice on the application process;
- advice on which supporting documents to provide with the application;
- · assist with preparation of draft supporting documents including letters from third parties; and
- assist with questions about the process or correspondence from the Home Office.

£1,000 - £1,750

Partner/spousal visas

- initial correspondence with you regarding eligibility;
- advice on satisfying and evidencing compliance with the financial requirements;
- advice on satisfying and evidencing compliance with the relationship requirements;
- review of and advice to you on the draft completed application form;
- advice on the application process;
- advice on which supporting documents to provide with the application;
- assist with preparation of draft supporting documents including letters from third parties; and

assist with questions about the process or correspondence from the Home Office.

£1,750 - £3,000

*Our fees are calculated based on the number of hours it will take us to carry out this work. The exact number of hours it will take depends on the circumstances in your case, such as:

- the volume of supporting documents and evidence that we need to consider;
- the quality of the draft supporting documents provided by you, the amount of time required to amend these and the number of amended drafts required;
- whether face to face meetings with you are required (if you reside in the UK) and the volume of calls and queries from you;
- for Global Talent visa applications, whether you are applying under the Exceptional Talent criteria or the Exceptional Promise criteria;
- the urgency of your application;
- whether you have an adverse immigration or criminal history;
- the need to obtain documentation from or liaise with third parties such as accountants or translation companies;
- whether you are applying alone or with dependants;
- whether you require advice on your current immigration status.

If you are able to provide sufficient evidence and documentation at the outset of the process to demonstrate that you clearly meet the eligibility criteria, the cost is likely to be at the lower end of these ranges. The estimates are based on the following hourly rates:

Partners and Consultants £340 Associates £280 Solicitors £200 Trainee Solicitors £120

Fees are excluding VAT at the rate of 20%. VAT may or may not be payable on the above fee estimate as this is dependent on the country in which you reside and you will be advised of this before work on your application commences.

Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as visa fees payable to the Home Office and document translation fees. These are not included in the above estimates. A list of these and their fees can be found here and include VAT. We usually advise you to submit the application yourself and pay these disbursements directly.

What's not included:

- advice and assistance in the event that an application is unsuccessful, for example advice on alternative options, administrative review, endorsement review, appeals and judicial review;
- advice and assistance on travelling to and arriving in the UK, police registration, collecting BRP and right to work checks;
- advice and assistance with attendance at Home Office interviews;
- submitting the application on your behalf.

What are the key stages in the application process?

- take initial instructions from you and advise on your eligibility for the visa application;
- advise on the application process and documentation we require you to provide in draft;
- review and, as appropriate, amend the draft documentation;
- collate and finalise the documentation and review the draft visa application form; and
- advise on submission of the application.

How long will my application take?

Depending on the complexity of your application and the level of support required, we will normally be able to provide the above services to allow you to submit your visa application within 2 weeks of you providing us with the draft documentation. We will inform you at the earliest opportunity if it is likely to take longer than this.

The Global Talent (Stage 1 – endorsement) application routinely takes longer than this due to the number of documents to review and versions of draft documents to prepare. We will normally be able to provide the above services to allow you to submit the endorsement application within 6 - 8 weeks of you instructing us.

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.

We cannot guarantee how long the Home Office or Endorsing Body will take to process your application. Please read the current processing times for your visa application type here.

Who will provide the services?

Work will be undertaken by our immigration specialists and their experience can be found here.

The work is supervised by an experienced Immigration and Employment Partner (Roisin Patton) or Associate (Flora Mewies or Gillian Burns) and the work of any trainee solicitor is closely supervised by Flora Mewies, Associate Solicitor.