



# Pricing Immigration

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**

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 (exceptional 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.

£850 - £2,000 (plus £170 - £400 VAT)

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.

£2,000 - £6,000 (plus £400 - £1,200 VAT)



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

- 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.

£1,750 - £3,000 (plus £350 - £600 VAT)

### **Stage 2 – visa application:**

- Reviewing and suggesting appropriate amendments to draft home office visa application form;
- Advice to you on the application process and queries; and
- Acting as your legal representative and providing a covering letter to UKVI.

£1,000 - £2,000 (plus £200 - £400 VAT)

### **General Work Visa – Skilled Worker, Senior or Specialist Worker 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 and queries;
- Advice on which supporting documents to provide with the application;
- Assist with questions about the process or correspondence from the Home Office.

£1,500 - £3,000 (plus £300 - £600 VAT)

### **General Student and Graduate Visas**

- 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.

£950 - £1,500 (plus £190 - £300 VAT)

### **Dependant Family (in work routes) Visas**

- 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.

£1,250 - £2,500 (plus £250 - £500 VAT)

### **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.

£2,000 - £3,500 (plus £400 - £700 VAT)

### **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.

£2,500 - £4,000 (plus £500 - £800 VAT)

\*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;
- Whether you are making an initial application or an extension application;
- 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 are making a fast tracked / premium application;
- 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:

Senior Partner / Consultant	£480 (£400 plus £80 VAT)
Partner	£444 (£370 plus £74 VAT)
Director	£426 (£355 plus £71 VAT)
Managing Associate	£390 (£325 plus £65 VAT)
Associate	£360 (£300 plus £60 VAT)
Solicitor 3 years + ppe	£324 (£270 plus £54 VAT)
Solicitor 2 to 3 years ppe	£300 (£250 plus £50 VAT)
Solicitor 1 to 2 years ppe	£282 (£235 plus £47 VAT)
Solicitor NQ	£264 (£220 plus £44 VAT)
Trainees	£168 (£140 plus £28 VAT)

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 (Expenses)**

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.

By way of example, some other disbursement costs may include:

- Tuberculosis test – this relates to the cost of obtaining a TB test in the overseas country you reside in. This cost will vary by country to country, however a list of approved clinics in different countries can be found [here](#);
- Priority and super priority service - If you want to expedite the decision on your visa application, you may be able to pay an additional fee to use the priority or super priority service. Further details of this can be found [here](#).
- Biometrics appointment - Once your visa application is submitted online, you may have to attend an in person appointment to give your biometric details. Some appointments are free but applicants may wish to pay an additional fee to attend an appointment e.g. at a priority time or to get an earlier appointment etc. The availability and cost of this will depend on the country you are applying from.
- Document translation – This cost will vary depending on which translator is used, which country the document has been issued from and how urgent the translation is.

What's not included in the price:

The fees set out above do not include the following:

- 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 the BRP and right to work checks;

- Advice and assistance with attendance at Home Office interviews;
- Submitting the online application on your behalf;
- Booking biometric appointments and uploading/checking document uploads;
- Corresponding with the Home Office on your behalf e.g. to raise a complaint or regarding delays;
- Fees payable to third parties e.g. Home Office application fees, translator or interpreter fees.

### **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.

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.

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 \(if applying from outside the UK\)](#) and [here \(if applying from within the UK\)](#).

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.

### **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 Flora Mewies) or Managing Associate (Gillian Burns) and the work of any trainee solicitor or paralegal is closely supervised by Flora Mewies, Roisin Patton or Gillian Burns.

Our team of specialist immigration law solicitors have years of experience in dealing with applications under the Immigration Rules. Our immigration law partner heads up a team of 6 solicitors and has been working in this area for more than 10 years.

Our solicitors have experience in all aspects of immigration law and we dedicate ourselves to ensuring our knowledge stays up to date, in order to give you the best service possible. They have between 2 and 10 years of experience in the area. We always make sure that junior solicitors and members of staff are supported and supervised appropriately so that the quality of advice is not affected, regardless of who is working on your case.

We have a proven track record in achieving successful outcomes for our clients.



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