

## **Immigration, Nationality & Appeals Pricing Guide**

### **How much will our service cost?**

We undertake a broad range of immigration work and provide tailored and fixed pricing options. Our commitment to providing high quality services is reflected in our transparent and straightforward fees breakdown.

Our senior immigration solicitor has over 24 years' experience in immigration law and our fees quoted below are calculated on this basis.

### **Free Initial Enquiries**

We do not charge for considering new enquiries. Whether you are an individual or a business, you can contact us for free and your enquiry will be reviewed directly by our specialist solicitor.

### **Initial Consultation Meetings**

We charge an average hourly rate of £300 to £550 excluding VAT. VAT at 20% will be added if applicable. The exact number of hours required will depend on the circumstances of each case, such as:

- The amount of supporting evidence that we need to consider
- Which language(s) you speak
- Whether you are applying with other dependants
- the complexity of the legal issues in the case
- any adverse immigration issues or previous refusals

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.

The work involved in the initial consultation includes:

- discussing your circumstances and deciding 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 and whether you meet the criteria and
- if you do not fulfil certain criteria, whether this can be overcome and how.

We will ask for payment in advance of the meeting in order to confirm the appointment.

We may need to charge more if your matter requires significant additional legal research or an extended meeting. If this is the case then we will let you know before confirming your appointment.

The fees above do not include interpreter fees, disbursements or the costs of any appeals (see below 'what is not included within our costs estimate?').

### **What is not included within our costs estimate?**

Our fee estimates do not include disbursements. These are costs/fees related to your matter that are payable to third parties such as home office fees, interpreters or experts. We can

handle the payment of disbursements on your behalf, provided we have funds on account, or you can in some instances pay directly.

Please note, interpreters are not required in many cases we handle. Normally, interpreters' fees are charged at £100 – £150 per hour (this may or may not exclude VAT). This is in addition to our UK visa fees as set out above. The initial consultation will normally require between 30 minutes to one hour with an interpreter (if applicable), depending on the complexity of your case.

The Home Office fees vary depending on the kind of application and the duration of the visa, and the appointment costs will vary depending on where and how the application will be submitted and whether a priority service for expedited determination is being utilised.

As well as the Home Office fees, appointment costs, Immigration Health Surcharge costs, Immigration Skills charge and any required translation or interpreter costs, applicants may also incur costs for the following (please note, however, that the below is not an exhaustive list of all possible costs and they do not apply to every type of application):

- Criminal Record Certificate
- Evidence of English
- Tuberculosis Testing
- Life in the UK Test
- DNA tests

Appeals matters will incur the Immigration Appeal Fee, any barrister costs and only if required, a third-party expert's fees.

Please note, barristers (specialists in attending and arguing at Court) may be required for drafting and/or appeal representation. It should be noted that our preferred barristers' fees are generally charged at GBP 250 to GBP 350 per hour, depending on the experience of the barrister. This kind of application will normally require between 2-5 hours of the Barrister's time (if applicable), depending on the complexity of your case.

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.

If there is an interview with the authorities and we do attend with you, there will be additional disbursements in respect of our mileage/travel expenses and attendance.

Where the Home Office or Immigration Tribunal refuse your application or appeal, advice and assistance in relation to the next stage may incur new fees, unless otherwise agreed before hand.

Should any of the above be unclear, please contact us for further information.

### **Fixed Fees Agreed with Clients in Advance**

We offer fixed fees that are agreed with clients in advance to provide costs certainty. We understand the importance of budget certainty for our clients, especially when dealing with immigration matters that can be time-sensitive and complex. By providing fixed fees rather than hourly rates or vague estimates, we give our clients the assurance that there will be no unexpected cost escalations throughout the process. This commitment to transparency builds trust and fosters strong, long-term relationships with our valued clients.

Our quote will assume that you will provide us with the necessary information to deliver the agreed scope of work within the agreed timeframe. In discussion with you we may charge additional fees if the scope of work or timeframe changes for reasons beyond our control.

### **Appeal Preparation & Representation**

No two appeal cases are the same and we approach each case individually. Because of this, our professional fees for preparing immigration appeals and providing representation at immigration appeal hearings also vary from case to case.

Our professional fee for preparing a simple visa or immigration appeal to the First-tier Tribunal and providing representing at an appeal hearing before the First-tier Tribunal is typically between £2,000 and £4,000. An appeal of medium complexity will typically cost between £4,000 and £6,000. Our professional fee for preparing a more complex immigration appeal and providing representation at the appeal hearing is likely to be between £6,000 and £8,000.

Factors that may increase or decrease our overall fee quote include:

- the seniority of the barrister;
- the complexity of the legal issues in the case;
- the number of appellants, including any dependants;
- the volume of supporting documents or witnesses;
- the timeframe available to prepare the appeal;
- the location of the appeal hearing;
- whether we were instructed to prepare an earlier visa or immigration application;

We may accept payment in advance or by instalments and offer preferential rates where there are multiple appellants and for returning clients.

We will be pleased to provide you with a range of fixed fee options to choose from, based on the circumstances of your case and the level of service that you require, once we have more information about your matter.

If you would like a quote for an appeal to the Upper Tribunal or above, for Administrative Review or Judicial Review proceedings or if you are a legal representative looking to instruct counsel to attend a hearing only then please contact us for further details of our fees.

### **Immigration Applications – Personal & Business**

Because we approach each case individually and no two cases are the same, our professional fees for preparing and submitting visa and immigration applications also vary from case to case.

Our professional fee for preparing and submitting a simple visa or immigration application is typically between £1,000 and £3,000. An application of medium complexity will typically cost between £3,000 and £6,000. Our professional fees for preparing and submitting a more complex application is likely to be between £6,000 and £9,000. Where matters are complex and urgent our average costs are between £6,000 and £20,000 depending on the assistance required. With complex and urgent matters we may need to charge you an hourly rate of £1,000 to £1,500.

The exact time spent, and visa fees charged will depend on the circumstances in your case. Factors that may increase or decrease our overall fee quote include:

- the complexity of the issues in the case;
- the number of applicants, including any dependants;
- the volume of supporting documents or witnesses;
- the timeframe and urgency for completion of the application;
- whether it is a standard, priority, super priority or VIP application;
- whether we were instructed to prepare an earlier initial or extension application;
- which language(s) you speak;

If you can 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 the price range.

We may accept payment in advance or by instalments and offer preferential rates where there are multiple main applicants, multiple dependants and for returning clients.

We will be pleased to provide you with a range of fixed fee options to choose from, based on the circumstances of your case and the level of service that you require, once we have more information about your matter.

For details of the work that we typically include as part of our visa or immigration application preparation and submission service, please see our Immigration page.

### **What services are included?**

The work will depend on the matter and complexity of the instructions however for your application/appeal this will typically involve:

- Taking your initial instructions and discussing particular circumstances in detail and confirming whether this is the most appropriate application to make and what other options may be available;
- providing advice about the requirements of the relevant rules and how you currently (or can) meet the criteria;
- if you do not fulfil certain criteria, whether this can be overcome and how;
- providing details of evidence required to support the application and details of the application process;
- considering the supporting evidence provided and drafting the application form;
- where necessary, helping obtain further evidence including bank letters, bank statements etc. including taking statements from any witnesses;
- preparing the application for submission including booking your appointment to submit your biometrics and application bundle;
- drafting a detailed letter of representations setting out how you meet the requirements;
- providing you with advice and instructions in respect of submitting your application and assisting to prepare you for an interview (if required); and/or
- providing advice about the outcome of the application and instructions for complying with your immigration conditions and any further steps you need to take.

Disbursements are not included in costs set out above.

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

We cannot guarantee how long the Home Office will take to process your application.

We will normally be able to submit this type of application within 2-6 weeks of you instructing us, but we will let you know at the earliest opportunity if it is likely to take longer than this. The time taken to prepare your application will depend on the complexity of your case and how quickly we receive the required supporting evidence from you.

The timescale taken to process an immigration appeals can vary, in-country appeals are ordinarily heard within 3 to 6 months, overseas immigration appeals are ordinarily heard between 12 to 18 months.

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 and at times fixed fees (wherever possible) once we have more information about your specific case.

### **Who will be dealing with my case?**

Your case will be handled by one of our trusted advisers. We have a number of experienced immigration law paralegals. Once we know who will be handling your case, we will introduce you to them and provide you with full details of their background and qualifications.

Regardless of who is working on your case, the matter shall be supervised by our Senior Solicitor with over 24 years immigration and nationality law experience.

### **Fees are NOT the only Factor in Choosing an Effective Lawyer**

Check our Reviews from clients.

When a person takes the time to research the best immigration lawyer, fees are not the only standard by which they make their choice. We know prospective clients check service standards, knowledge, expertise, successful results, reviews from previous clients, and reliability, etc. Many clients instruct us over the phone, relying on a referral from friends or family and their trust in our service. We understand our responsibility to provide quality, accurate legal advice and representation increases in such circumstances. Hence, whether you choose to have a consultation or instruct us on an Agreed Fee basis, or an hourly rate, you can rely on us, to be honest, transparent, and fully approachable regarding all matters relating to fees. We are always available to answer any questions you may have and are committed to providing exceptional legal advice and representation.

### **Clarity and Fairness in Billing**

Our fee structure is designed to be clear, transparent, and fair. We do not believe in hidden costs or surprise charges. All fees and disbursements are communicated openly to clients, ensuring they are well-informed and have a complete understanding of the financial aspect of their case before proceeding. Our commitment to clarity and fairness in billing is all part of our dedication to providing a positive client experience.

### **VAT**

All fees quoted are exclusive of VAT. VAT will be added at 20% where this is required by law. For example, VAT will be added where you are in the UK and have, or previously had, leave to remain. If you normally reside outside the UK then VAT will not be added.

## Our Fees and Price Transparency

The table below shows our minimum pricing for each of the main services or application types that we offer. The price that we ask for a particular matter may well be lower or higher than the price listed here for a number of reasons:

- If your matter is particularly straightforward or you have done much of the work yourself, then we may well offer a lower fee for our services.
- If you do not wish for us to offer our normal full service then we may negotiate a lower fee with you.
- If there are particular complications with a matter that mean that a lot more work will need to be done to achieve a positive prospect of success then this may be reflected in a higher fee for our services. Such complications include:
  - Criminal convictions of the applicants and sponsors.
  - Previous negative immigration history (such as overstaying or non-compliance with the immigration rules).
  - Previous behaviour that brings into doubt good character of the applicants or sponsors.
  - Any undisclosed information that was not disclosed to ourselves and/or the relevant immigration authority.
  - Inability or refusal to provide standard documentary evidence.
  - Exceptional circumstances that require mitigation (particularly in protracted matters that require extensive examination and representation)