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# Personal immigration matters

We have set out below our fixed fees for our personal immigration services. We have detailed the services included for each service we offer. The fixed fee is for our legal services only. It does not include UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) or other disbursements. The fees quoted do not cover situations with unusual complexities such as adverse immigration histories, previous refusals or cases that have been outstanding with the UKVI for many years. It does not cover discounts for repeat instructions or for multiple applications.

We will be able to advise you at the outset about whether there are any complexities which will result in our varying our fixed fees.

#### Who will carry out my work?

The level of complexity of the claim (and which of our offices is closest to you) will determine who carries out the work on your claim. Typically a simple application will be dealt with by a solicitor, supervised by an associate or senior associate, whereas a more complex applications will be dealt with by either an associate or senior associate, supervised by a partner or legal director.

Please click here for further details of the experience and qualifications of the individuals who may work on your claim.

### **British Citizenship Applications**

We can assist in all types of registration and naturalisation applications for adults and children:

- Adult applications: £2640 (inclusive of VAT at 20%)
- Child applications: £2160 (inclusive of VAT at 20%)

- 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;
- Providing advice about the requirements of the British Nationality Act and whether you meet the criteria.
- If you do not fulfil certain criteria, whether this can be overcome and providing appropriate solutions and timescales.
- Considering the supporting evidence you provide, where necessary, helping you obtain further evidence.
- Preparing your application, completing the application form, drafting representations and submitting it on your behalf.
- Providing advice about the outcome of the application and confirmation of the next application.

Disbursements are necessary costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as application fees. We handle the payment of the disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process. These can include:

- Interpreter or translator fees, in our experience these are not likely. We will let you know as soon as possible if we consider this necessary and can recommend approved providers.
- 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 and we do attend with you, there will be additional disbursements in respect of our mileage/travel expenses which will also attract VAT. We will of course let you know in advance if this is required.

The costs quoted here do not include:

- Any UKVI fees for making the application. You will pay this to the UKVI directly as part of the application process.
- Where the UKVI refuse your application, advice and assistance in relation to any further remedy against that refusal.

#### How long will my application take?

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

We will normally be able to submit this type of application within three weeks of your instructing us, but we will let you know at the earliest opportunity if it is likely to take more or less time than this.

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.

#### **European Economic Area (EEA) Applications**

- EEA family permit: £2400 (inclusive of VAT at 20%).
- EEA residence card Family member: £2160 (inclusive of VAT at 20%).
- EEA residence card EFM: £3360 (inclusive of VAT at 20%).
- EEA permanent residence card: £3000 (inclusive of VAT at 20%).

- 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.
- Providing advice about the requirements of the EEA Regulations and whether you meet the criteria.
- If you do not fulfil certain criteria, whether this can be overcome and providing appropriate solutions and timescales.
- Considering the supporting evidence you provide, where necessary, helping you obtain further evidence.
- Preparing your application, completing the application form, drafting representations and submitting it on your behalf.
- Providing advice about the outcome of the application and confirmation of the next application.

Disbursements are necessary costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as application fees. We handle the payment of the disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process. These can include:

- Interpreter or translator fees, in our experience these are not likely. We will let you know as soon as possible if we consider this necessary and can recommend approved providers.
- Independent expert reports e.g. medical experts. These are not required in many cases. We will let you know as soonas possible if we consider an expert report is necessary.
- If there is an interview and we do attend with you, there will be additional disbursements in respect of ourmileage/travel expenses which will also attract VAT. We will of course let you know in advance if this is required.

The costs quoted here do not include:

- Any UKVI fees for making the application. You will pay this to the UKVI directly as part of the application process.
- The current fee for EEA applications is £65 per person. This is subject to change by the UKVI at any time.
- Where the UKVI refuse your application, advice and assistance in relation to any further remedy against that refusal.See the appeals section below for information.

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#### European Union (EU) Settlement Scheme Applications

- Pre-settled status applications: £1140-£2400 (inclusive of VAT at 20%)
- Settled status applications: £1140-£2400 (inclusive of VAT at 20%)
- Non-EEA family member of EEA nationals: £1200-3000 (inclusive of VAT at 20%)
- Retained Rights applications: £3000 (inclusive of VAT at 20%)

- Discussing your circumstances in detail and confirming whether this is the most appropriate application for you tomake and what other options may be available to you;
- Providing advice about the requirements of the EU settlement scheme and whether you meet the criteria.
- If you do not fulfil certain criteria, whether this can be overcome and providing appropriate solutions and timescales.
- Considering the supporting evidence you provide, where necessary, helping you obtain further evidence.
- Attending you to prepare your application, completing the application form, drafting representations where required and submitting it with you.
- Providing advice about the outcome of the application and confirmation of the next application and whereappropriate eligibility for British Citizenship.

Disbursements are necessary costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as application fees. We handle the payment of the disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process. These can include:

- Interpreter or translator fees, in our experience these are not likely. We will let you know as soon as possible if we consider this necessary and can recommend approved providers.
- Independent expert reports e.g. medical experts. These are not required in many cases. We will let you know as soonas possible if we consider an expert report is necessary.
- If there is an interview and we do attend with you, there will be additional disbursements in respect of ourmileage/travel expenses which will also attract VAT. We will of course let you know in advance if this is required.

The costs quoted here do not include:

- Any UKVI fees for making the application. You will pay this to the UKVI directly as part of the application process.
- Where the UKVI refuse your application, advice and assistance in relation to any further remedy against that refusal.See the appeals section below for information.

### How long will my application take?

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

We will normally be able to submit this type of application within three weeks of your instructing us, but we will let you know at the earliest opportunity if it is likely to take more or less time than this.

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.

#### Immigration rules applications

- Spousal Entry Clearance: £3240 (inclusive of VAT at 20%).
- Further leave to remain on a Spousal basis: £2500 (inclusive of VAT at 20%).
- Indefinite leave to remain on a spousal basis: £2500 (inclusive of VAT at 20%).
- Visit Visas: £2760 (inclusive of VAT at 20%).
- Indefinite leave to remain following 10 years lawful residence: £2760 (inclusive of VAT at 20%).
- Indefinite leave to remain following 5 years as Tier 2 migrant: £2500 (inclusive of VAT at 20%).
- Tier 2 Entry Clearance: £2760 (inclusive of VAT at 20%).
- Tier 2 extension: £2500 (inclusive of VAT at 20%).
- Ancestry visa: £3000 (inclusive of VAT at 20%).
- Indefinite leave to remain following five years on Ancestry visa: £2500 (inclusive of VAT at 20%).

- Discussing your circumstances in detail and confirming whether this is the most appropriate application for you tomake and what other options may be available to you.
- Providing advice about the requirements of the Immigration Rules and whether you meet the criteria.
- If you do not fulfil certain criteria, whether this can be overcome and providing appropriate solutions and timescales.
- Considering the supporting evidence you provide, where necessary, helping you obtain further evidence.
- Preparing your application, completing the application form, drafting representations and submitting it on your behalf.
- Providing advice about the outcome of the application and confirmation of the next application.

Disbursements are necessary costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as application fees. We handle the payment of the disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process. These can include:

- Interpreter or translator fees, in our experience these are not likely. We will let you know as soon as possible if we consider this necessary and can recommend approved providers.
- Independent expert reports e.g. medical experts. These are not required in many cases. We will let you know as soonas possible if we consider an expert report is necessary.
- If there is an interview and we do attend with you, there will be additional disbursements in respect of ourmileage/travel expenses which will also attract VAT. We will of course let you know in advance if this is required.

The costs quoted here do not include:

- Any UKVI and fees for making the application. You will pay this to the UKVI directly as part of the application process. The NHS Immigration Health Surcharge which you will pay to the UKVI directly (not payable on Indefinite Leave toRemain applications).
- Where the UKVI refuse your application, advice and assistance in relation to any further remedy against that refusal. See the appeals section below for information.

#### How long will my application take?

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

We will normally be able to submit this type of application within three weeks of your instructing us, but we will let you know at the earliest opportunity if it is likely to take more or less time than this.

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.

### Appeals

In the event that your application is refused by the UKVI we can in limited circumstances pursue an appeal against this refusal. The circumstances in which you can appeal will be advised to you at the time. The fees will depend on the complexity of the issues and the reasons for refusal. The likely range of fees will be between £4200 and £6,600 inclusive of VAT

- Lodging detailed grounds of appeal and review and completing relevant application forms with the First Tier Tribunal.
- Preparing bundles of evidence and witness statements for submission to relevant parties.
- Preparing briefs to Counsel to represent you at the hearing

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- Interpreter or translator fees, in our experience these are not likely. We will let you know as soon as possible if we consider this necessary and can recommend approved providers.
- 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 and we do attend with you, there will be additional disbursements in respect of our mileage/travel expenses which will also attract VAT. We will of course let you know in advance if this is required.
- Counsel's fees will depend on the location of the hearing and the complexity of the issues involved. These are likely to be in the region of £960 (inclusive of VAT at 20%)

#### Court fees:

- £80 without a hearing.
- £140 with a hearing.

The costs quoted here do not include:

• Any onward exercising of appeal rights to the Upper Tribunal or Judicial Review. This will be discussed with you if applicable based on the decision of the First Tier.

# How long will my application take?

We cannot guarantee the timescales in which the case will be heard at the First Tier Tribunal or indeed when the decision will be made following the hearing. However we will let you know at the earliest opportunity.

# Administrative review

Certain applications do not attract a right of appeal. In certain circumstances you may have a right to request an administrative review. Our fees will depend on the complexity of the issues but typically will be in the region of £2160 (inclusive of VAT).

#### What will the work involve?

- Advising on whether the caseworker has made an error.
- Completing relevant forms and representations and lodging with the relevant authorities.

#### **Disbursements:**

Disbursements are necessary costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as application fees. We handle the payment of the disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process. These can include:

- Administrative review fee of £80
- Interpreter or translator fees, in our experience these are not likely. We will let you know as soon as possible if we consider this necessary and can recommend approved providers.
- If there is an interview and we do attend with you, there will be additional disbursements in respect of our mileage/travel expenses which will also attract VAT. We will of course let you know in advance if this is required.

#### The costs do not include:

• Any follow up work or action by way of Judicial Review.

# How long will my application take?

We will need to lodge the administrative review within 14 days of the decision being received. You'll usually receive the result of the administrative review within 28 days. You can't request a second review (unless the result included new reasons why you were refused).

