# **Personal Immigration – Pricing Information**

In line with the SRA's Transparency Rules, we are required to publish information on prices and services we offer as part of our personal immigration service. This is to ensure that you have the information you need in order to make an informed choice when it comes to your legal services provider, including providing you with a better understanding of what the costs may be.

We provide strategic legal advice on relocation to the UK for study, work, investment or family reasons and in doing so, can also assist you with preparing and submitting detailed immigration applications for your and your family members to enter or remain in the UK.

We have significant experience in advising those with complex cases for example, where individuals have previously been refused entry to the UK or are facing exceptional circumstances. Our work includes challenging refusal decisions and preparing appeals as well as working together with leading immigration barristers where necessary.

The following pricing information relates only to immigration work conducted for individual clients and in particular, for the following types of applications and cases:

- All types of applications for entry clearance / visas to enter the UK (for example, partner/spouse applications, visit visas, student visas, ancestry visas, adult dependant relative applications, applications for work, business or study under the Points-Based System, dependant and family reunion applications etc.);
- All types of applications for permission to remain in the UK;
- All types of applications for indefinite leave to remain in the UK, also known as settlement or permanent residence;
- All types of applications to naturalise or register as a British citizen;
- All types of applications relating to EEA nationals and their family members (for example, under the EU Settlement Scheme pre-settled / settled status and family permits etc.);
- All administrative review applications; and
- Appeals to the First-tier Tribunal (excluding asylum appeals).

For further information on pricing for immigration matters not covered above, or for business immigration matters, please contact a member of our <u>Immigration Team</u>.

## Fee ranges

The majority of our immigration cases take between 2 to 12 hours of legal work. The hourly rates for our core immigration team are currently between  $\pounds$ 300 and  $\pounds$ 335 per hour meaning that the fees for the majority of our cases typically range between  $\pounds$ 600 and  $\pounds$ 3,600. Based on our experience, we can on most occasions, provide you with a more specific fee estimate once we have undertaken an initial assessment to determine the scope of the work involved in your case and considered the level of supporting evidence required, and how many applicants are applying.

There are times where a case may fall outside of the scope of our standard fee range, perhaps where there is a complex immigration history, a history of previous refusals or other circumstances which warrant a senior member of the team to lead on the case. For such cases, our fees typically range between  $\pounds$ 3,000 and  $\pounds$ 7,500.

Legal work on the majority of our cases includes:

• Attending on you and taking your detailed instructions;

- Considering your circumstances and advising on the most appropriate immigration route and any other options available to you;
- Providing you with specific and tailored legal advice on the requirements of the UK Immigration Rules, providing our assessment of whether you are likely to meet the requirements and advising you on any weak points in your case and how these can be strengthened;
- Undertaking comprehensive reviews of your supporting evidence, providing you with feedback on the evidence and any requests for further information/documentation;
- Where necessary, liaise with third parties such as GPs, banks, accountants etc. in order to obtain further evidence and taking statements of any witnesses;
- Preparing and submitting your application on your behalf, along with your supporting evidence;
- Attending any Home Office interviews with you if requested;
- Attending appeal hearings with you, where relevant;
- Notifying you of the timelines involved;
- Advising you on the outcome of the case and any further steps which may need to be taken.

## VAT

Charging VAT in relation to immigration matters can be complex as it may depend on where you live and what immigration permission you hold. We will confirm whether VAT (at a rate of 20%) is payable when we have been instructed and will assess if VAT is properly chargeable.

## Home Office fees and other disbursements

Many cases incur disbursements. These are essentially, costs which are payable to a third party. We will always try to notify you of these at the outset of your case based on the information you provide to us. Where your circumstances change, other disbursements may be necessary. In the majority of cases disbursements include:

- Home Office Fees (paid directly to the Home Office as part of the application process);
- Fees for any optional premium/priority service (paid directly to the Home Office or their partners);
- Immigration Health Surcharge (paid directly as part of the application process);
- Document translation fees;
- Expert report fees (these are not required in most cases, we will advise you as soon as possible if we consider an expert report to be necessary);
- Barrister's fees;
- Appeal fees.

Where we are required to travel, expenses such as mileage, train fares, taxi fares etc. may also be applicable to your case.

Where the case is refused, the fee ranges provided do not include advice and assistance in relation to any appeal.

## Interpreter fees

We find that we do not need to use interpreters frequently. If one is required, we can provide you with quotes in advance. You are not bound to use an interpreter of our choosing and may wish to provide your own.

## How long will the case take?

We cannot guarantee how long the Home Office will take to process your application. <u>Read the current</u> processing times.

We will normally be able to submit this type of application within 5 working days of you providing us with everything we need, providing nothing remains outstanding but we will let you know at the earliest opportunity if it is likely to take longer than this.

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.

#### Other options – general advice and reviews of applications

We can provide you with advice on a certain aspect of the UK Immigration Rules or more general immigration advice. This is usually charged at a minimum of £300 (plus VAT, where applicable) however, we can provide you with a specific fee estimate once we know more about your particular requirements.

Where you have prepared your own case, a member of our immigration team can review it before it is submitted to the Home Office. Our fees for this typically range between £600 and £850 (plus VAT, where applicable) to review the application and supporting documents and provide you with a formal feedback report.

#### Contact us

If you require immigration advice or support, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our <u>Immigration Team</u>.