

# Immigration and Citizenship

## OUR SERVICE

### Price Our Legal Fees

**Guide** (Please note that our fees below exclude VAT. Charging VAT on immigration matters will depend upon where you live and the immigration permission you hold. We will confirm whether VAT (at the current rate of 20%) is payable once you instruct us and we can calculate whether VAT is properly chargeable.)

#### Fixed Fee One-Off Advice

General advice and assistance up to 30 mins at our office £80.00 (if you are overseas, this can be arranged by telephone or video call)

General advice and assistance up to 1 hour at our office £130.00 (if you are overseas, this can be arranged by telephone or video call)

#### Visas and Other Applications

Please note that our stated fee ranges below are based on :

- one application only
- an hourly rate of £200.00 (excluding VAT)
- the typical number of hours taken to complete the typical work involved, which will depend upon various factors including, but not limited to, the following :
  - the type of application
  - whether this is your first application or an extension application
  - the number of documents to consider, whether any documents need to be translated into English, and the time taken to obtain any missing or additional documents
  - whether there are any dependants to be added in your application, and their particular circumstances
  - whether there are any complex legal issues involved

Once we have had the opportunity to discuss your circumstances with you and have been able to estimate the amount of work required, we will be able to provide you with our exact fee based on the number of hours we expect to spend.

## Visitor Visas

From £800 to £1,600

(if you want to come to the UK (usually for up to 6 months) for a holiday or vacation; or to see family or friends; or to make a short-term business trip; or to study a short-term course or do a placement or take an exam; or as an academic; or for medical reasons; or other reasons eligible under a Standard Visitor visa)

a typical Visitor visa application can take between 4 and 8 hours to complete depending on the circumstances of your case.

(if you plan to make regular trips of up to 6 months per visit to the UK, you can apply for a 2 year, 5 year or 10 year long-term Standard Visitor visa)

If you clearly meet the rules and requirements for your application and can provide enough supporting documentation early in your case, then our fee is likely to be at the lower end of this range

(if you plan to get married or register a civil partnership within 6 months of arriving in the UK; or other reasons eligible under a Marriage Visitor visa)

(if you are invited by a UK-based organisation or client to attend an event or other permitted engagement; or if you want to do specific paid work without being sponsored under the points-based visa system; or other reasons eligible under a Permitted Paid Engagement visa)

(if you are already in the UK on a Visitor visa and are looking to extend your visa or switch to a different category visa)

## Work Visas

From £1,200 to £2,400

(if you want to come to the UK for work, for the long-term (eg. Skilled Worker visa, Health and Care Worker visa, Intra-company visa, Minister of Religion visa or International Sportsperson visa); for the short-term (eg. various Temporary Work visas, Youth Mobility Scheme visa or Graduate visa); other work-related visas (eg. Frontier Worker Permit, Overseas Domestic Worker visa, Representative of an Overseas Business visa, Turkish Businessperson visa, Turkish Worker visa, )

a typical Work visa application can take between 6 and 12 hours to complete depending on the circumstances of your case.

(if you want to come to the UK as an investor, to develop business or as a talent (eg. Investor visa, Innovator visa, Start-up visa, Entrepreneur visa, or Global Talent visa))

If you clearly meet the rules and requirements for your application and can provide enough supporting documentation early in your case, then our fee is likely to be at the lower end of this range

(if you are already in the UK on a Work visa and are looking to extend your visa or switch to a different category visa)

## Study Visas

From £1,000 to £2,000

(if you want to come to the UK to study and you are 16 years old or over (Student visa))

a typical Study visa application can take between 5 and 10 hours to complete depending on the circumstances of your case.

(if you want to come to the UK to study at an independent school and you are between 4 years and 17 years old (Child Student visa))

(if you want to come to the UK to study the English language, and your English language course lasts over 6 months and up to 11 months (Short-term Study visa))

If you clearly meet the rules and requirements for your application and can provide enough supporting documentation early in your case, then our fee is likely to be at the lower end of this range

(if you are already in the UK on a Study visa and are looking to extend your visa or switch to a different category visa)

## Family Visas

From £1,000 to £2,000

(if you want to come to the UK to live with a family member for more than 6 months, as a spouse or partner; or as a fiancé or fiancée or proposed civil partner; or as a parent; or as a child; or as an adult to be cared for by a relative)

a typical Family visa application can take between 5 and 10 hours to complete depending on the circumstances of your case.

(if you are already in the UK and wish to apply on the basis of your private life)

(if you are already in the UK on a Family visa and are looking to extend your visa or switch to a different category visa)

If you clearly meet the rules and requirements for your application and can provide enough supporting documentation early in your case, then our fee is likely to be at the lower end of this range

## EU, EEA and Swiss citizen applications

From £600 to £1,600

(if you are the family member of someone from the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein and you wish to join them in the UK (EU Settlement Scheme Family Permit))

a typical application can take between 3 and 8 hours to complete depending on the circumstances of your case.

(if you used to have a family member from the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein living in the UK but they've died, left the UK or the relationship has broken down (EU Settlement Scheme Family Permit))

If you clearly meet the rules and requirements for your application and can provide enough supporting documentation

(if you are the family member of a British citizen and you lived together with them in an EU country, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein and you wish to come with them to the UK (EU Settlement Scheme Family Permit))

early in your case, then our fee is likely to be at the lower end of this range

(if you are an eligible family member of a person of Northern Ireland and you wish to join them in the UK (EU Settlement Scheme Family Permit))

(if you or a family member are someone from the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein, and you are already in the UK, and you want to continue to live in the UK (EU Settlement Scheme application))

(if you are an eligible family member of a person of Northern Ireland, and you want to continue to live in the UK (EU Settlement Scheme application))

(if you have already been granted pre-settled status and wish to switch to settled status (EU Settlement Scheme application))

#### Live Permanently in the UK

From £1,000 to £2,000

(if you are eligible based on your immigration status, or have been living legally in the UK for 10 years or more (long residence), and want to settle in the UK (Indefinite Leave to Remain application))

a typical application can take between 5 and 10 hours to complete depending on the circumstances of your case.

If you clearly meet the rules and requirements for your application and can provide enough supporting documentation early in your case, then our fee is likely to be at the lower end of this range

#### Commonwealth Citizens and British Nationals (Overseas)

From £600 to £1,600

(if you are a Commonwealth citizen and can prove your ancestry and want to come to the UK (UK Ancestry visa))

a typical visa application can take between 3 and 8 hours to complete depending on the circumstances of your case.

(if you are already in the UK on a UK Ancestry visa and are looking to extend your visa)

(if you are from Hong Kong and a British national (overseas) and you want to come and live, work or study in the UK, or already in the UK and want to continue to live, work or study in the UK (British National (Overseas) visa))

If you clearly meet the rules and requirements for your application and can provide enough supporting documentation early in your case, then our fee is likely to be at the lower end of this range

### British Citizenship

From £1,000 to £2,000

(if you wish to naturalise as a British citizen (also known as ‘naturalisation’)

a typical application can take between 5 and 10 hours to complete depending on the circumstances of your case.

(if you wish to register as a British national)

(if you wish to apply for a certificate of entitlement to prove that you have ‘right of abode’ (ie. the right to live and work in the UK without immigration restrictions)

If you clearly meet the rules and requirements for your application and can provide enough supporting documentation early in your case, then our fee is likely to be at the lower end of this range

### Disbursements

(These are costs incurred during the matter that are payable to third-party providers (eg. Home Office application fees). We handle the payment of these costs on your behalf to ensure a smoother process. The costs are set by the third-party providers and so may change at a moment’s notice. They are not VAT applicable.)

Home Office Visa application fees vary. Indeed, some applications may not have a fee at all. You will pay this to the Home Office directly as part of the application process. There may also be additional fees payable for some types of applications depending upon your particular circumstances (eg. Biometric enrolment fee; or Life in the UK Test fee for settlement (indefinite leave to remain) applications and British citizenship applications). You can check the current Home Office and Nationality fees (see under ‘Useful Links’ below).

Also, as part of your visa application, you may be required to pay an ‘Immigration Health Surcharge’. Whether you need to pay depends upon the immigration status you are applying for. You can check whether you need to pay and if so, how much (see under ‘Useful Links’ below).

### Possible Additional Disbursements (Where Applicable)

Interpreter Fees \*  
(Varies but typically between £30.00 and £60.00 per hour)

these are difficult to estimate as it depends upon the required language, the time spent and the agency providing the interpreter. Of course, if you have a friend or someone who can provide the interpretation, then these fees will not be applicable

Document Translation Fees \*  
(Varies but typically between £00.10 and £00.18 per word)

these are difficult to estimate as it depends upon the required language, the number of words and the agency providing the translator. Translations of documents will need to be certified and so must be done by a certified translator

Independent Expert Report Fees \*  
(eg. medical report)  
(Varies)

these are difficult to estimate as it depends on the type of report required and the particular expertise required. In the vast majority of cases, an expert report will not be required. If we feel that an expert report is needed, we will let you know as soon as possible

Mileage/Travel Expenses  
(Varies)

if you need us to travel to a location other than our office (eg. if you are called for an interview at the Home Office, and you want us to attend) aside from our fees for attending (including travelling and waiting time), there will be actual travel fares payable (eg. train ticket, bus fare, taxi fare, etc...)

\* These Possible Additional Disbursements may attract VAT and vary according to the fees set by the agency/expert. Therefore, it could be more than the price range we have provided. We will be able to provide the accurate cost once we have been provided with the information from the agency/expert

### **What services are included under the Price Guide?**

For our Fixed Fee One-Off Advice, we will :

- discuss your circumstances and take detailed instructions
- advise you accordingly, including on the applicable rules and regulations and the options available to you
- write to you confirming your instructions and our advice given to you

For Visas and Other Applications, we will carry out all the typical work involved, including :

- discussing your circumstances in detail
- advising you on whether your chosen application is the most appropriate one for you and whether there are alternative options available to you
- advising you on the rules and regulations applicable to your application and whether you meet the criteria (and if you do not meet the criteria, whether this can be overcome, and if so, how)
- advising you on the documents and information you will need to supply
- considering the documents and information you provide and, if required, advising you on any additional evidence needed
- if needed, helping you to obtain further evidence (eg. medical records)

**What services are not included under the Price Guide?**

- preparing your application (including preparing legal representations, if needed)
- submitting your application to the Home Office on your behalf
- advising you should the Home Office ask you to attend for an interview (including the possibility of us attending with you for an additional fee)
- advising you on the outcome of your application and on any further steps that you may need to take

We do not provide the following under the Price Guide (however we can provide these, if required, for an additional cost) :

- If you are called for an interview at the Home Office, attending with you
- If your application is refused, advising and assisting in relation to an appeal
- If your appeal is to be heard at a hearing, preparing and submitting an appeal bundle and attending with you

We can also provide advice and assistance on the following types of applications for a separate fee :

- Sponsorship licence applications (for employers wanting to sponsor a worker from outside the UK)
- Asylum applications
- Statelessness applications
- Human Rights applications
- Applications for Secretary of State Immigration Bail
- Reconsideration and Legacy requests
- Judicial Review (eg. claims for unlawful detention)

If you wish to instruct us regarding any of the above, please either telephone us on 020 8591 6500 or email us ([crimsonphoenix@btconnect.com](mailto:crimsonphoenix@btconnect.com)) and we will be happy to provide you with a quotation for our fees and likely costs.

**Details of Experience and Qualifications of Solicitor**

Ranjo is the solicitor who will work on your matter. She has over 28 years' experience in dealing with all aspects of immigration and citizenship law during which time she has submitted hundreds of successful applications. She is supported in an administrative role by Neal. Please see under 'Our Team' on our Home page for more information.

**Typical Timescale**

We will normally be able to submit an application within 4 weeks of taking detailed instructions from you. However, this is only an estimated target as it will depend upon the type of application, how soon we are provided with all of the required information and supporting documentation (including translated documents if applicable), whether legal representations are needed, and the complexity of any legal issues involved. We will inform you if it is likely to take longer than 4 weeks.

It is difficult to predict how long the Home Office will take to reach a decision on your application. It will depend upon the type of application and, in the case of applications made from outside the UK, where the application is submitted. For some visa applications, the Home Office do offer premium services which provide a priority or expedited service that will shorten the time for a decision to be reached.

## Useful Links

You can check the current visa decision waiting times (see under 'Useful Links' below).

Check if you need a visa to come to the UK to visit, study or work - <https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa>

Check Home Office Immigration and Nationality Fees (for visas and applications made inside the UK and outside of the UK) - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/visa-regulations-revised-table>

Check visa application fees (if you are applying from outside the UK) - <https://visa-fees.homeoffice.gov.uk/> (this is currently a Beta trial service provided by the UK Home Office and may be withdrawn at any time)

Check if you need to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge - <https://www.immigration-health-surcharge.service.gov.uk/checker/type>

Check visa decision waiting times (if you are applying from inside the UK) - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/visa-decision-waiting-times-applications-inside-the-uk>

Check visa decision waiting times (if you are applying from outside the UK) - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/visa-decision-waiting-times-applications-outside-the-uk>

## Next Step

If you would like to instruct us, then please either telephone us on 020 8591 6500 or email us ([crimsonphoenix@btconnect.com](mailto:crimsonphoenix@btconnect.com)) and we will arrange an appointment for you to come and see us (if you are in the UK) or a telephone or video call (if you are out of the UK).