

Burness Paull

# Pricing for personal immigration work



## Legal Fees for Applicants

We provide a range of visa application services to individuals. We have set out here the typical price range for the services we offer. However, we also provide immigration services to businesses and not all of those services are included here.

We also undertake Asylum applications, Human Rights applications, Extradition and other work. We are also instructed in highly specialised applications which often fall outside of the Immigration Rules, and we are not able to provide those costs in a guide such as this.

The following prices are typical prices only and the price will vary depending on the complexity of the matter. We will provide you with our estimated price following an initial paid consultation to discuss your particular matter.

The time spent on your case also impacts significantly on the price. More complex cases will require more time.

## Value Added Tax (VAT)

All of the prices quoted exclude VAT. This is charged at the prevailing rate and is payable on our fees and on most expenses which we are likely to incur on your behalf. There may be some situations in which VAT is not payable. We can provide guidance on this however, you are advised to seek your own independent tax advice in this regard.

TYPE OF VISA	PRICE RANGE [PER APPLICATION]
Innovator Founder	£8,000 - £10,000
Tier 1 (Global Talent)	£10,000 - £12,000
Sponsor Licence	£6,000 - £10,000
Skilled Worker Visa	£5,000 - £7,000
Senior or Specialist Worker	£5,000 - £7,000
Graduate Trainee	£4,000 - £5,000
UK Expansion Worker	£5,000 - £7,000

<b>Secondment Worker</b>	£5,000 - £7,000
<b>Service Supplier</b>	£5,000 - £7,000
<b>Tier 2 Minister of Religion</b>	£4,000 - £5,000
<b>International Sports person</b>	£4,000 - £5,000
<b>UK Ancestry</b>	£4,000 - £8,000
<b>Domestic Worker in a Private Household</b>	£4,000 - £5,000
<b>Student Visa</b>	£4,000 - £6,000
<b>Visit Visa/ Business Visit Visa</b>	£4,000 - £6,000
<b>British National (Overseas)</b>	£3,000 – 4,0000
<b>Partner of a Person Present and Settled in UK / UK Spouse Visa</b>	£5,000 - £10,000
<b>Naturalisation as a British Citizen</b>	£5,000 - £8,000
<b>Registration of a Child as a British Citizen</b>	£3,000 - £5,000
<b>Indefinite Leave to Remain</b>	£5,000 - £10,000
<b>Long Residency Applications</b>	£8,000 - £12,000

The above pricing range is based on our hourly rates of between £330 - £655. The applicable hourly rate will depend on the seniority of the solicitors advising you and the urgency of your matter. Other factors which will influence the final price are set out below.

Types of factors which impact on the complexity of the matter and will determine the final price.

Factors that will determine the final price include:

- If you wish to handle some parts of the application yourself and only have our input for some of the stages;
- If we need to liaise with third parties such as employers or accountants;
- If there is an unreasonable delay from you, any dependents or a third party from providing information required;

- If you have to attend Home Office interviews;
- If unforeseen complications arise;
- Complicated investments or sources of funds;
- Accelerated applications;
- Complicated immigration or criminal histories e.g. a visa application has been previously refused or you have a criminal conviction;
- The complexity of the immigration rules or law e.g. novel legal arguments.

## Disbursements

The price will exclude disbursements. These are costs that may need to be paid to third parties such as visa application fees. The various Home Office application fees and charges (including Immigration Health Surcharges etc) are detailed on the UK Visas & Immigration as well as UK Passport Agency websites and you will be expected to pay these direct to the relevant party as part of your application.

For all other disbursements, we will handle payment of disbursements on your behalf but may require you to put us in funds before payment of such disbursements. Disbursements may include:

- Interpreters/translation services;
- Independent experts (such as a medical experts, country experts etc);
- Notarising documents;
- Engaging Solicitors or advisors in another jurisdiction;
- Courier or copying charges; and
- Interviews that you ask us to attend with you (e.g. mileage/travel costs).

We will advise you if we think it is necessary for you to incur these costs and of the likely amount of these costs.

## Details of the services included

- Initial consultation to take your instructions and ascertain your options;
- Ascertaining which documents you need to provide to us and reviewing those documents (not including translation of documents if required);
- Advising you as to the most appropriate visa application for you to make, and applicable timescales and any other options that may be available to you;
- Helping you with the process of obtaining further evidence if required;
- Drafting supporting documents and coordinating submission of the application by you;

- If you do not meet the criteria to make a visa application, provide advice on whether that can be overcome and how;
- Advising on or handling any matters which require clarification by the Home Office; and
- Informing you of the outcome of the application where the outcome is delivered to us.

The stages above are an indication and if some of the stages are not required, the legal fee may lower.

Details of any services that you may reasonably expect to be included, but which are not, in fact, include:

- Appeals or applications for administrative review to the Home Office; and
- Cost of submitting any new applications if your original application is refused for any reason.

## Tribunal work

Our typical price range for bringing a claim for an individual is estimated by reference to the preparation required to appear in the Immigration & Asylum Chambers of the First Tier Tribunal and the Upper Tribunal:

One day: **£10,000 - £15,000** depending on the complexity of the appeal.

Factors which will determine the final price include:-

- If the appeal involves more than one appeal ground e.g. immigration rules and human rights grounds;
- If there is a preliminary matter which needs addressed e.g. whether your claim is out of time (in which case there may be a preliminary hearing);
- If we need to make applications about whether certain evidence is admissible;
- The number of documents and witnesses involved in the case;
- If there are multiple appellants;
- Whether any expert witnesses are required e.g. medical evidence; country evidence;
- The amount of correspondence required with the other party;
- The amount of travel required to provide our service to you;
- The level of support that you require;
- If disclosure of information is required from a third party; and
- If there are related, concurrent or overlapping proceedings.

## Disbursements for Tribunal work

The price will exclude disbursements. These are costs that may need to be paid to third parties. We will handle payment of disbursements on your behalf but may require you to put us in funds before payment of such disbursements. Disbursements may include:

- Counsel fees for attending a Tribunal hearing which will vary depending on seniority of counsel, urgency of instruction and complexity of the case;
- Independent experts (such as a medical experts, country experts etc);
- Courier or copying charges;
- Cost for copying and preparing bundles of documents for the Tribunal; and
- Travel and accommodation costs if we are required to travel for the hearing.

We will advise you if we think it is necessary for you to incur these costs and of the likely amount of these costs.

## Details of the services included

Services include:

- Initial consultation to take your instructions and provide preliminary advice;
- Ascertain which papers you need to provide us and review those papers;
- Advise you on the likelihood of you winning;
- Draft your appeal and submit this to the First Tier Tribunal or Upper Tribunal;
- Review the response of the other party;
- Take witness evidence, draft witness statements and agree their contents;
- Prepare for and attend a preliminary hearing if applicable;
- Exchange documents with the other party, review documents and prepare a bundle of documents;
- Review the other party's witness documents
- Agree a list of issues and chronology where required;
- Prepare a skeleton argument or written submissions if required;
- Prepare for the final hearing; and
- Represent you at the final hearing (unless counsel is instructed).

The stages above are an indication and if some of the stages are not required, the fee may lower.

Details of any services that you may reasonably expect to be included, but which are not, in fact, included:

- Instructing counsel;
- An appeal against an any Tribunal decision to a higher court (e.g. Court of Session);

## Further information

Our team members are listed on our website. If you would like to discuss your matter in more detail, please contact [Grace McGill](#), **Partner & Head of Immigration**.

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