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Details of our Immigration team and their respective biographies and expertise can be accessed here.

The immigration work we do can involve complicated, multi-faceted issues. We need to ask some important questions before providing an estimate of our costs:

- what is the purpose of the move to the UK?
- when is it most likely to happen?
- how many people are applying?
- are there any associated factors or steps, such as setting up a company, obtaining a sponsor licence or securing endorsement from an endorsing body?

We also need to factor in:

- the complexities around your current circumstances, such as where you are living if not your home country, if all family members will move at the same time, and the nature and extent of pre-approval planning;
- how much supporting evidence we will need to consider;
- whether your matter involves any discretionary elements;
- the need for any post-approval planning, such as the establishment of a UK registered company, evidencing a UK home address and opening a UK bank account (this list is not exhaustive); and
- any cross-border aspects which may arise, for example, in your tax status in the UK or overseas.

## How we charge

Our fees are calculated on an hourly basis and standard rates within the team vary between £215- £645. Our average rate will vary depending on the complexity of the work required and the experience of the lawyers assigned to work on your matter. Note that in some highly complex matters we may apply an increase to our standard hourly rates. In general terms your matter will be managed by a partner who will enlist support from other associates and legal assistants depending on the nature of the case. Typically, our fees for straightforward matters would be in the following range:

- Visitor visa £3,000- £7,500;
- Entry clearance £2,500 £20,000;
- Leave to remain £2,500 £12,000;
- Applications under the EU Settlement Scheme: £2,500 £6,000;
- Indefinite Leave to Remain: £3,000 £10,000; and
- Citizenship: £2,500 £7,500.

As an illustration, our fees for an Entry Clearance visa in the Overseas Domestic Worker category would be £4,000 - £7,000 (exclusive of VAT and disbursements, assuming 14 - 20 hours of work across our team).

There are also some third-party charges which may need to be added to our bill. These items may include:

- Home Office application fees;
- the Immigration Health Surcharge;
- priority processing fees;
- ECCTIS Academic Qualification Level Statement;
- Counsel's fees (for a barrister), as agreed in advance;
- independent expert reports, as agreed in advance; and
- translation fees, as agreed in advance.

On occasion we may also use couriers within the UK and for international deliveries and their costs can vary depending on the urgency of delivery and the location in the world.



All fees and costs shown above are exclusive of Value Added Tax (VAT) which will be added where applicable to each bill. Our rates are subject to review annually on 1 May each year. If the rate applicable to a particular matter is varied through that review the client will be notified in writing at the time.