

Price & Service Transparency (Immigration Law)

In accordance with the SRA's Price and Service Transparency Rules, we are required by the Solicitors Regulation Authority to provide price information with the preparation and submission of certain types of Immigration applications. We offer a professional service with very reasonable fixed fees.

We have set out below our average fee estimates for some of the most common types of applications.

Our Legal Fees

The estimates described below represent the range of the fees for most standard applications calculated by reference to our hourly rates which vary depending on the experience of the person carrying out the work. Upon our initial assessment of your situation, we may agree on a fixed fee and can represent you in your immigration matter on a Fixed fee basis with flexible payments.

Where we agree a fixed fee with you from the outset of the case, you will know how much your case will cost exactly. The Fixed Fee agreed will depend on:

1. The complexity of the case
2. The amount of supporting evidence that we need to consider
3. Which language(s) you speak
4. Whether you are applying with other dependants

If a fixed fee is agreed upon and your matter or transaction does not reach a conclusion or you decide to withdraw instructions, we reserve the right to charge for the work done on your case using our hourly charging basis.

Our hourly rates for the Senior Solicitor vary from £280 per hour plus VAT to £500 per hour plus VAT. Our senior Solicitor Darlington Dike is supported by our Legal Assistants and Paralegals whose hourly rates vary from £130 plus VAT to £200 plus VAT.

If you cannot afford to pay our fee in full at the time of your instructions, we are happy to accept half of the agreed fee at the time of initial instructions with the balance to be paid before the application is submitted to the UKVI for consideration.

Our Fixed fee for immigration cases covers all the work until we receive a written immigration decision for the stage of the **immigration application** or **immigration appeal** for which you have instructed us.

Please be advised that our fees do not cover the third-party charges e.g., the Home Office UKVI fees for the applications.

Please note that our fees below exclude VAT charged at 20% unless specifically stated. Charging VAT in relation to immigration matters may depend on where you live and/or what immigration permission you have. We will confirm whether VAT (at a rate of 20%) is payable when you instruct us.

The estimates below are based on an average cost in previous cases we have dealt with. 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.

UK Visas	
Investor, business development and talent visas	Fee Estimates
Innovator	Initial/switch: £5,000 - £10,000 Extension: £3,000 - £6,000 Dependant: £2,500
Start-up	Initial/switch: £5,000 - £10,000 Extension: £3,000 - £6,000 Dependant: £2,500
UK Expansion Worker	Initial/switch: £8,000 - £12,000 Extension: £8,000 - £12,000 Dependant: £2,500
Entrepreneur and Investor	Extension only: £5,000 - £10,000 Dependant: £2,500
Global Talent	Initial/switch: £10,000 - £20,000 Extension: £3,000 - £5,000 Dependant: £2,500
Long Term Work Visas	
Skilled Worker	Initial/switch (in UK): £2,500 - £3,500 Initial/switch (outside UK): £3,000 - £5,000 Extension: £2,500 - £3,500 Dependant: £1,500 - £2,500
Health and Care Worker, Senior or Specialist Worker, Scale-up Worker, Minister of Religion	Initial/switch: £2,500 - £3,500 Extension: £2,500 - £3,500 Dependant: £1,500 - £2,500
Sportsperson	Initial/switch: £3,000 - £6,000 Extension: £2,500 - £4,000 Dependant: £1,500 - £2,500
Other Work Visas	
UK Ancestry	Initial/switch: £3,000 - £5,000 Extension: £2,500 - £3,500 Dependant: £1,500 - £2,500
Temporary Work (incl. work experience)	Initial/switch: £2,500 - £3,500 Extension: £2,500 - £3,500 Dependant: £1,500 - £2,500
Sponsorship	
Application for sponsor licence	£3,500 - £5,500
Allocation of Certificate of Sponsorship	£400 - £600
Study in the UK	
Student Visa	£2,500 to £3,000
Child Student Visa	£3,000 to £4,000
Family in the UK	
Visa Type Partner (Fiancée, Spouse, Civil Partner, Child)	Initial: £1500 - ,
Other types of UK visa	
Visitor	Initial: £1500 - £2000

EEA Nationals and Their Family Members (EU Settlement Scheme - Pre-Settled or Settled Status)	£1000 - £1600
Individual applying to become British (Naturalisation)	£1000 - £1600
Indefinite Leave to Remain	£1000 - £1600
Representation at First-Tier Tribunal	Initial: £2000 - £3000

The precise cost will depend on the particular circumstances of your case. Where the application is relatively straightforward it is likely that the fees will be at the lower end of the relevant scale. Where there are complicating factors, the fees may reach or in some cases exceed the upper end.

Disbursements (not included in costs set out above)

Disbursements are costs that are payable to third parties, such as visa fees. As with our fees, the below disbursements exclude VAT. We have marked where VAT at 20% may be chargeable but we will confirm whether VAT is payable when you instruct us.

The costs quoted here do not include:

- Any Home Office and official fees for submitting the application. These vary depending on the type of application you are making. Please see the following link for further information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/visa-regulations-revised-table>
- Fees of independent expert witnesses where required (VAT at 20% may be chargeable)
- Interpreter fees which vary depending on what language you speak and the amount of time spent by the interpreter. VAT at 20% may be chargeable on interpreter's fees
- Official translation fees which vary depending on the language and the number of documents requiring translation. VAT at 20% may be chargeable on translation fees
- Counsel's fees which may be incurred for ad hoc advice on complex issues, or representation at First-Tier Tribunal hearings, at £250-£400 per hour (VAT at 20% may be chargeable).

What services are included

The work will involve:

- discussing your circumstances in detail and advising on the Immigration Rules and your eligibility in relation to the relevant application
- considering whether any other options are available to you
- completing the application documentation
- providing you with a comprehensive checklist outlining what documents are required in support of your application
- reviewing supporting documentation provided by you and advising if additional evidence is required*

- preparing a covering letter containing legal submissions in support of your application and submitting the application on your behalf
- preparing further template documentation where required
- coordinating Home Office application appointments where necessary
- liaising with the Home Office in relation to your application if the need arises
- giving you advice about the outcome of the application and any further steps you need to take.

*the time this will take depends on the number of documents, whether they need to be translated, whether anything is missing and how long it will take to obtain any missing documents.

Appeals

Please note that we also offer advice or assistance in relation to appeals. Our appeal services are not included in the fees above but we can discuss fee estimates for this with you separately.

Factors that could make a case more complicated

The following are examples of issues that may impact on the cost:

- The amount of supporting evidence that we need to consider.
- Whether you have had a previous adverse immigration matter, such as a visa refusal.
- Which language(s) you speak.
- Whether you are applying with dependants and the number of dependants involved.
- How easily you are able to provide all of the supporting evidence.
- How clearly you meet the eligibility criteria for the relevant application.
- The urgency of your case.
- In relationship cases, where you are not married or where there are stepchildren.

How long will my application take?

We will normally be able to submit most types of application within 2 weeks of instruction provided we have received all the necessary documentation, however in urgent cases we can make an application more quickly.

We cannot guarantee how long the Home Office will take to process your application. However, the current processing times can be found on the Home Office website.

Who will work on my matter?

Our immigration work is carried out by Darlington Dike. Darlington has been specialising in immigration law since 2013 and has conducted immigration cases since he qualified. Other member of our team of solicitors with experience will also handle your matter. For more information about

our solicitors, please see 'Our Team' page. If a solicitor carries out the work for you then their work will be supervised by Darlington Dike.

The name of the person dealing with your matter will be agreed with you at the outset and they will be your main point of contact throughout the case.

If you are not entirely satisfied with any aspect of our service, please tell us and we will do our best to resolve the matter as quickly as possible. The procedure that explains how you can make a complaint about the quality of our services can be found on <https://crosslifesolicitors.com/complaint-procedure/>

What to do if you are unhappy with our behaviour

However, you can directly report to the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) who can help you if you are concerned about our behaviour. This could be for things like dishonesty, taking or losing your money or treating you unfairly because of your age, a disability or other characteristic. You can find information about raising your concerns with the SRA at <https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/problems/>

When reporting to the SRA, please:

1. set out your concerns clearly
2. identify individuals you consider responsible
3. attach any evidence you have in support