

**STEPHENSON  
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# **Immigration pricing**

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## Our fees

Our fees set out below cover the work in relation to the following UK immigration and nationality applications:

- Investor
- Innovator
- Global Talent
- Skilled Worker and Global Business Mobility
- Temporary Worker (Youth Mobility Scheme, Government Authorised Exchange, and others)
- UK Ancestry
- Student
- Graduate
- High Potential Individual
- Partner / family of a person present and settled in the UK
- British National (Overseas)
- Visitor
- Overseas Domestic Worker
- EU Settlement Scheme
- Indefinite Leave to Remain / Permanent Residence / Settlement
- Naturalisation as a British citizen
- Registration as a British citizen
- UK Passport

Our price ranges (excluding VAT and disbursements) for the preparation and submission of immigration applications are as follows:

- Simple case: **£1,200 - £4,999**
- Medium complexity case: **£5,000 - £24,999**
- High complexity case: **£25,000 - £60,000**

Our price ranges (excluding VAT and disbursements) for appeals and judicial reviews are as follows:

- Simple case: **£1,000 - £4,999**
- Medium complexity case: **£5,000 - £9,999**
- High complexity case: **£10,000 - £60,000**

We normally charge (wherever possible) on a fixed fee basis. Where charging on a time spent basis would be more appropriate, we would provide a fee estimate. Our fees are provided at the outset but can be updated if circumstances change.

If you are a resident in the UK, domestic VAT is charged at 20% of the total fee and some disbursements. Upon instruction we will confirm if our fees attract VAT.

Our usual practice is to request full fees and anticipated disbursements on client account before starting work.

## Complexity

When assessing the complexity of a matter, we take into consideration the following factors:

- the time required to assist with the matter;
- the urgency of the matter;
- the level of correspondence involved;
- the amount and quality of supporting documentation;
- the level of engagement with the client and the UK Government;
- the need to engage and liaise with third parties; and

- previous UK immigration and nationality history of the applicant.

## Multiple applications

The fees set out above are for assisting with single applications. They do not include the costs of assisting with applications for dependent family members, even if submitted simultaneously.

If you would like assistance with submitting several applications, for example an application for indefinite leave to remain followed by an application to naturalise as a British citizen, or applications involving dependent family members, please contact us and we will be pleased to provide our fee and scope of work for the relevant applications.

## Corporate immigration

The fees set out above are for applications submitted by individuals.

We are also specialists in corporate immigration and can assist UK corporate entities with:

- obtaining an appropriate sponsor licence to employ non-settled workers;
- advising on, reviewing and drafting policies to ensure that UK employers are compliant with their sponsor licence duties and responsibilities and the law in relation to the prevention of illegal working; and
- monitoring and assisting with the management of the Sponsorship Management System.

## Global immigration

Whilst we only advise on UK immigration and nationality, we can work with third party advisers who specialise in the relevant jurisdiction. We will propose a scope of service and a fee on instruction.

## Disbursements

Disbursements are costs we incur on your behalf such as:

- UK Government (Home Office / HM Passport Office) fees;
- Priority processing and appointment fees;
- Third party fees, such as translation costs, accountants' fees and overseas lawyers' fees;
- Counsel's fees;
- Postage / courier fees;

We estimate these costs at the outset and they will appear on our invoice to you:

- Home Office fees vary and are subject to change. Fees can cost up to £10,000 per application;
- Postage fees and courier fees are dependent on the size and weight of the documents and range from between £5-£200. Postage fees do not attract VAT, however courier fees do attract VAT;
- Document translation fees are ordinarily £0.15 plus VAT per word (alternatively, our clients may choose a translation company of their choice);
- If there is a meeting and we attend with you, there will be additional disbursements in respect of our mileage/travel expenses.

Please contact any of our immigration specialist team to discuss your situation and we will be able to give you more tailored information about the likely fees involved.

## Scope of work

Our work typically covers the following:

- Discussing your circumstances in detail and advising on the appropriate UK immigration option(s);
- Advising on the requirements of the application, including the documentation required and the procedure for submitting the application;

- Advising on the timelines and likely outcome;
- Attending meetings, where required;
- Assisting (where necessary) in obtaining and drafting supporting documentation for the application;
- Reviewing documentation to ensure that they are sufficient and compliant with the requirements;
- Preparing the application bundle;
- Drafting and submitting the relevant application form(s);
- Providing a covering letter to the UK Government in support of the application;
- Arranging biometrics appointments (where applicable);
- Liaising with the Home Office (where necessary);
- Once the application has been approved, reviewing the approval documentation and immigration permission granted;
- Providing advice on the next steps to conclude the matter.

The above scope does not include assisting with challenging a refusal if the application is not approved. If you wish to challenge a refusal, we will provide a separate fee quote for this work.

### **Application timings**

Most applications can be prepared within 1-3 weeks, subject to us receiving the requested documentation. We will let you know at the earliest opportunity if it is likely to take longer than anticipated.

Where necessary, we can expedite the preparation of application for urgent submission.

Home Office processing times are in addition to the time required to prepare the application. We cannot guarantee Home Office processing times, which are subject to change.

Please read the current processing times [here](#) for out of country applications and [here](#) for in country applications.

### **Immigration team**

#### **Jessica Yu – Partner**

Jessica qualified as a solicitor in 2015 and has over 10 years' experience in advising HNW individuals and corporate entities on UK immigration and nationality. For private clients, Jessica regularly advises in relation to the investor, innovator, and global talent categories, as well as on complex family matters involving relocation to the UK, indefinite leave to remain and British citizenship.

She also advises EEA nationals on the EU Settlement Scheme and their UK immigration status post-Brexit. For corporate entities, Jessica provides support on the sponsor licence process and subsequent sponsorship of skilled workers. She advises UK businesses to ensure that they are compliant with their sponsor licence duties and responsibilities and in relation to the prevention of illegal working.

Jessica is ranked in Chambers and Legal 500. She is also The Law Society Council member for the Immigration constituency and Immigration Committee Member.

#### **Krish Ravin – Associate**

Krish is a qualified solicitor and has specialised in UK immigration since 2016. She advises both corporate and private clients on a full range of immigration and nationality matters.

Throughout her career, Krish has assisted clients in every UK immigration category, including entrepreneur; innovator; global talent; investor; global mobility routes; skilled worker; EU settlement scheme; applications under the EEA regulations; complex family-based applications; and human rights-based applications.

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