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# **Immigration pricing**

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The fees set out below cover all of the work in relation to the following applications:

- Applications for naturalisation or registration under the British Nationality Act 1981
- Applications on behalf of European Economic Area (EEA) nationals and their family members under the EU Settlement Scheme and relevant Immigration Rules, including applications for pre-settled and settled status.
- Applications under the Immigration Rules, including:
  - student and work experience visas;
  - visit visas (for tourism, or visiting friends/family, transit and business)
  - spouse and partners applications, including fiancé(e)s or proposed civil partners;
  - applications for work, business or study under the Points-Based System;
  - dependent relative and family reunion applications;
  - Global Talent visa;
  - Start-up and Innovator visas;
  - ancestry visas; and
  - other categories, such as applications on the basis of long residence.

Our price ranges for the preparation and submission of immigration applications are as follows:

- Simple case: **£1,200 - £4,999** (excluding VAT charged at 20% and disbursements)
- Medium complexity case: **£5,000-£15,999** (excluding VAT charged at 20% and disbursements)
- High complexity case: **£16,000-£60,000** (excluding VAT charged at 20% and disbursements)

Our price ranges for appeals and judicial reviews are as follows:

- Simple case: **£1,000 - £4,999** (excluding VAT charged at 20% and disbursements)
- Medium complexity case: **£5,000-£9,999** (excluding VAT charged at 20% and disbursements)
- High complexity case: **£10,000-£60,000** (excluding VAT charged at 20% and disbursements)

Depending on the complexity of a case, our fees may be charged at an hourly rate or as a fixed fee. Please see below for factors that could make a case more complex.

These fees cover the work we conduct in relation to the following key stages of an application, namely:

- Discussing your circumstances in detail and confirming whether this is the most appropriate application for you to make and what other options may be available to you.
- Advising on the application process from document gathering to obtaining a decision.
- Advising on the exact documentation required for an application.
- Reviewing the documents to ensure that they are sufficient and Home Office compliant.
- Assisting where necessary, to obtain further evidence (such as bank statements/letters and portfolios), including taking statements of any witnesses.
- Completing all application forms relevant to the application.
- Drafting a legal representation cover letter to accompany the application detailing the relevant immigration law.
- Arranging all relevant Home Office appointments (where applicable) and otherwise acting as the point of contact between applicants and the Home Office.
- Preparing applications for submission.
- Advising on the timelines and outcome of applications.

Most applications can be prepared within 1-3 weeks. However, we will let you know at the earliest opportunity if it is likely to take longer than this. Where required, we can accommodate to expedite the preparation of applications for urgent submissions.

Home Office processing times are in addition to the time required to prepare the relevant application(s). We cannot guarantee how long the Home Office will take to process your application. [Read the current processing times here](#) for out of country applications and [here](#) for in country applications

## Factors that could make a case more complex include:

- The amount of supporting evidence that we need to consider
- Whether you are applying with other dependants
- Complex immigration history
- The timescale in which the application must be submitted If you are able to provide sufficient evidence at the outset and clearly meet the applicable Immigration Rules, the cost is likely to be at the lower end of this range.

Please note the anticipated number of hours and fees are an estimate based on the facts above. 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.

The costs quoted here do not include any Home Office [fees](#) for making the application. You will pay the relevant government fees directly to the Home Office as part of the application process. Government fees do not attract VAT.

## VAT

VAT will be applied if you are resident in the UK. VAT is charged at 20% of the total fee/disbursement amount. Upon instruction we will confirm if the instruct attracts VAT and can work out if VAT is properly chargeable.

## Disbursements

Disbursements are costs related to your matter, being either costs we incur or those which are payable to third parties, such as government fees (immigration health surcharge and visa application form fees), document translation fees, postage/courier fees. We can handle the payment of the disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process.

- Postage fees and courier fees are dependent on the size and weight of the documents and range from between £5-£100. Postage fees do not attract VAT, however couriers fees do attract VAT
- Document translation fees are ordinarily £0.11 plus VAT per word (alternatively, our clients may choose a translation company of their choice).
- If there is an interview and we do 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.

# Who will be responsible for my matter?

## Anne Pritam – Partner

Anne qualified as a solicitor in England and Wales in 1996. She is a seasoned, robust litigator and co-heads the firm's UK-inbound Immigration business advisory team.

With extensive experience of a variety of employers in a wide range of sectors including financial services and professional services, pharmaceutical, manufacturing and energy; Anne has acted for clients with a handful of employees through to those with several thousand. She advises listed boards, private companies, family businesses, domestic households and individuals; she has been the trusted adviser to many of her clients for over 10 years.

## Kimia Sepahzad – Immigration consultant and trainee solicitor

Kimia has a bachelors degree in English and History from Loughborough University and has completed the Graduate Diploma in Law at BBP law school. Kimia started her training contract at Stephenson Harwood in January 2021. She is currently completing the Legal Practice Course at BBP law school and is due to complete the course in July 2022. Kimia was an Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner (OISC) Level 3 adviser whilst previously working at an OISC regulated firm. Kimia has over eight years of experience in both business and private immigration. She handles complex immigration matters and prides herself in finding the best immigration options and solutions for her clients.

## Lauren Walsh – Paralegal

Lauren is a qualified paralegal with a Paralegal Level 3 Apprenticeship Certificate of Higher Education and a CILEX Level 3 Certificate in Law and Practice. Lauren has worked at Stephenson Harwood as a paralegal since October 2019 and has worked with various teams such as Commercial Litigation and Employment, Pensions and Private Wealth. Lauren joined the immigration team in September 2021.

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