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Our Team

Our Immigration team is led by Jacqueline Moore. The core team currently comprises our Director of Immigration, a Solicitor and a Paralegal. Our senior Immigration team biographies can be found [here](#).

Our Immigration team is supported by experts in Employment, Pensions, Litigation, Corporate and Personal Taxation, Employee Incentives and HR Consultancy to provide a holistic human resource, immigration and employment law service to business and individuals.

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Initial Consultation

An initial consultation, which can be done in person or by phone or video conference (normally lasts around 45-60 minutes) and will cost £300 plus VAT of 20%.

Fixed Fee

After the initial consultation, we will provide a fixed fee quotation, which will depend on the type of application we are instructed to make for you and be influenced by factors listed below.

Our full application service package includes:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ A detailed list of the documents you require to meet the Home Office rules. This list contains both mandatory documents and recommended documents. Review of documentation provided by you and third parties.▪ A detailed set of bespoke legal representations setting out exactly why your application meets the terms of the Immigration Rules.▪ A full application pack containing all of the documentation required in terms of the | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Home Office technical rules on specified evidence.▪ Assistance with completion of Home Office Forms.▪ Clear and jargon-free advice on the procedure.▪ All communication with the Home Office on your behalf.▪ Meeting to discuss your visa grant and the conditions attached to your visa (optional). |
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What our services do not include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Cost of onward challenge.▪ Home Office application fees. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Any additional premium service fees paid to the Home Office or their commercial partners, for example if you choose to pay for a priority service. |
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The table below sets out the range of fees for our full application service for a number of common visa types:

Type of Visa	Range +VAT of 20%
Family Visa Applications made from overseas (i.e. spouse, fiancé, parent and child visas)	£2500 – £5500
Family Visa extensions or switches from another category made in the UK	£2000 – £5000
Naturalisation or Registration as a British Citizen	£1000 – £2000
Tier 1 (Entrepreneur)	£3000 – £6000
Long Residence	£1500 – £4500
Tier 2	£1500 – £3000
PBS dependant	£1500 – £3000
Visit Visas	£1000 – £3000

Factors that will determine where your final fee will sit on the range

We know from years of experience, there are a number of factors that can cause significant variations to the amount of work involved and therefore the cost for clients.

Examples of factors that impact the cost for you include:

- Whether the financial requirement is met through a relatively straightforward category such as salaried employment with the same employer for 6 months OR whether it is met through a combination of categories or through self-employment as a sole trader or company director.
- Whether we need to liaise with third parties such as business partners or accountants and take into account their response times.
- Complicated investments or sources of funds.
- Complicated immigration or criminal histories, e.g. previous visa refusals or criminal convictions.
- Complicated family circumstances including, 'in family' applications, where there are non-British step-children living overseas.
- Whether or not you have to attend a Home Office interview.

Exceptional circumstances which result in the final fee being higher than the quoted amount

On very rare occasions, the final fee will be higher than our quoted fee. Rest assured this only happens in exceptional circumstances, which are outside our control. If your fee is going to be higher than the quoted fee then we would alert you to this as soon as practicable.

Exceptional circumstances where fees may exceed the quoted fee

- A change of circumstances which could not have been reasonably foreseen.
- A change of instructions, e.g. source of funds change.

Disbursements

The vast majority of visa applications are now made digitally and you will require to make payment online as part of the application process. In the limited categories where a paper application is used, we will make payment on your behalf as a disbursement.

Home Office fees can be subject to change. The current fees are found [here](#).

Do I Require to Pay VAT?

If you are based overseas, then you may not be liable to pay VAT on our fees. We will discuss this with you at the initial consultation.

How Long Will My Matter Take?

The time that it takes from your initial instructions to the Home Office decision depends upon two factors. The first is the Home Office processing times and if you are going to incur the additional costs of a priority application with the Home Office and the second is how readily you can collect the documentation required to meet the immigration rules. We will be able to discuss these timescales in more detail at the initial consultation as they will depend on your circumstances.

Other Sources of Funding

Sometimes an employer is willing to pay for the cost of immigration advice to its employees. If you have an employer in the UK and have not already asked the employer to pay for your immigration advice, then you may wish to do so.