

Legal Fee Information for Immigration Services

Introduction

We have set out below the issues you need to consider in relation to Legal Fees and disbursements for the preparation and submission of immigration applications. Our Legal Fees cover all of the work required to handle your case from instruction to conclusion.

VAT, currently 20%, will be payable on all our fees and some disbursements, **unless exempt**, and we will clearly confirm which disbursements carry VAT in formal quotation or as we advise you to incur them.

VAT is not payable:

1. If you are resident overseas
2. If you are an asylum seeker
3. If you don't have leave to remain in the United Kingdom
4. If your immigration application is refused and you are appealing and have no leave to remain in the UK

Legal Fees and Action We Will Take

Legal Fees are the amount you will be required to pay for all the work performed by us in actioning your instructions from commencement of your case to conclusion.

We can provide our services on a fixed fee or on an hourly rate basis due to the individual nature and requirements of each client's matter. Our hourly rate of £300.00 plus VAT (£360.00 Inc. VAT) will be applied in these matters.

We provide immigration advice and assistance to our clients with the preparation and submission of immigration applications.

The price information provided below is a guide price only and is not necessarily a binding quote for your individual matter. The fee estimate tailored to your matter will be provided upon your instructions. The costs below exclude asylum applications.

All fees are average unless quoted as fixed fee:

Service	Typical Legal Fees Excluding VAT	Including VAT @ 20%
Initial Fixed Fee Consultation	Our consultations are free of charge	
Applications for naturalisation or registration under the British Nationality Act 1981	£950.00	£1140.00
Applications on behalf of European Economic Area (EEA) nationals and their family members under the applicable EEA Regulations or Immigration Rules, including applications for permanent residence, pre-settled and settled status, and EUSS family permits	£650.00 - £950.00	£780.00 - £1,140.00
Applications under the Immigration Rules, including:		
- Student and work experience visas. - Visit visas (for tourism or visiting friends/family). - 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. - Ancestry visas. - Other categories, such as applications on the basis of long residence	£950.00 - £5,000.00	£1,140.00 - £6,000.00

Every case is different and so we can only estimate the costs of our service once we've discussed your situation and seen your paperwork.

The exact number of hours it will take depends on the circumstances in your case. Such as:

- The amount of supporting evidence that we need to consider
- Whether you meet the requirements of the Immigration Rules easily
- Which language(s) you speak
- Whether you are applying with other dependants- we charge separately for each dependant
- Any previous adverse immigration history and any criminal records
- The complexity of your matter
- The urgency of your matter

If you can provide sufficient evidence at our first meeting and clearly meet the applicable Immigration Rules, the cost is likely to be at the lower end of the range detailed above.

For a more specific quote, kindly email us with details of your immigration matter and we will be happy to provide you with a quotation.

If at any stage our fees change, we will notify you and discuss the reason for any changes. This would typically occur if you change your instructions or your case involves an unforeseen complexity.

Our average fees assume that:

- a) The transaction is concluded in a timely manner and no unforeseen complication arise.
- b) All parties to the transaction are co-operative and there is no unreasonable delay from any parties providing documentation.

What service is included in the price and key stages

- Taking your instructions and providing advice
- Considering documents
- Preparing and submitting the application/appeal
- Managing instruction and payment of third parties such as country experts, medical practitioners, and translators liaising with the Home Office on any further enquiries;
- Advising about the outcome of the application, conditions of your visa and any immediate further steps you need to take.
- Also making writing representations
- Advising you on timelines and the outcome of any application/appeal

Disbursements and Other Costs

Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as visa fees. You will pay these directly to the Home Office via your banker's card which we will request at the time of submitting the application.

We handle the payment of disbursements on your behalf. Most disbursements attract VAT at the prevailing rate which we will add to the bills we receive. We pass the total cost on to you. We do not add VAT on to disbursements where VAT has already been added by the relevant third party. Certain disbursements such as official fees are not subject to VAT.

You will be notified of such fees or anticipated fees at the start of your matter. Typical disbursements and other costs related to your matter may include:

- IHS Surcharge – additional fee levied by the Home Office to pay for the NHS. For current charges [details here](#)
- Home Office Fees, which vary depending on your application. You will pay these to the Home Office directly as part of the application process:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/visa-regulations-revised-table>
- Court representation at Case Management Review Hearings, First Tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal will be chargeable at counsel's rate. If Counsel is required to be instructed a quotation for their services will be obtained from them and discussed with you before they are instructed to ensure you are fully aware of the fees that will be charged. However, we have given examples of costs below:
 - The fees of a barrister vary depending on the experience of the advocate and their expertise. In our experience, the initial fee for a barrister and the first day of the hearing (known as the brief fee) will be in the region of £1,000 - £2,000 plus VAT (£1200 – £Inc. VAT). Each subsequent day would be an additional £500.00 - £1,000 plus VAT (£600.00 - £1,200.00 Inc. VAT).
 - If you want a very experienced barrister, then the cost is likely to be more. You may also incur additional charges such as travel costs for us to attend meetings and hearings.

Interpreters Costs

Interpreters' fees are not included in any of our costs. These are difficult to estimate, can rack up and are a significant proportion of the overall costs to clients. This means even "fixed fees" may not always be particularly fixed. Where an interpreter is required, you will be responsible for the costs at the interpreter's hourly rate.

We cannot provide a clear range of interpreters' costs until a client's language is known. Sometimes a client may only need a couple of hours with an interpreter, other applications may need 10 or 15 hours, for example where there are a high number of documents needing translation. However, based on our experience, the average cost of an interpreter is provided below.

Fees of interpreters can vary depending on, for instance, the experience and qualifications of the interpreter. A typical hourly fee range for interpreting into and/or from English can be c.£30.00 - £75.00 plus VAT per hour (£36.00 - £90.00 Inc. VAT) and plus any disbursements (such as any costs they need to pay to third parties, such as travel-related costs) the interpreter may incur in providing their service. This means that the potential cost of an interpreter for 3 – 15 Hours work could range from £90.00 - £1,125.00 plus VAT (£108.00 - £1,350.00 inc. VAT) plus disbursements.

The number of hours needed will vary on the complexities of the case.

A quotation for their services will be obtained and discussed with you before they are instructed to ensure you are fully aware of the fees that will be charged.

Clients are also free to find their own interpreters or a friend or community figure to assist them, as appropriate.

The costs quoted for our fees do not include:

- Home Office immigration health surcharge. For current charges [details here](#)
- Any [Home Office fees](#) for making the application. You will pay this to the Home Office directly as part of the application process.
- Costs for English language tests, Tuberculosis tests, criminal record certificates, biometrics.
- Immigration Skills Charge
- Independent Expert Reports
- Independent Medical Reports
- Where there are multiple dependents (eg several children)
- the language of the client is not English
- the number of supporting documents or witnesses are large
- Attendance at and travel to/from a Home Office interview: Interviews are rare in most categories, if the Home Office ask you to attend an interview, we can give you clear advice (and discuss the possibility of us attending with you) at the appropriate time. We can give you an additional quote for this, if required.

How long will my matter take?

Provided all the relevant documents in a timely manner, we should be able to submit your application in 2-4 weeks. We cannot guarantee how long the Home Office will take to process your application. This is just an estimate, and we will of course be able to give you a more accurate timescale once we have more information and as the matter progresses. Details of current processing times can be found here: <https://visa-processingtimes.homeoffice.gov.uk/>

There are vastly different processing times depending on the application you are making and we can advise you in detail once instructed.

We ask clients to instruct us at least 2-6 months before their intended visa start date, or expiry date of their current visa to ensure they have enough time to qualify under time sensitive requirements in relation to financial evidence and prepare complex documents adequately.

Who Will Handle Your Case

Depending on the type of transaction, complexity and experience required we will allocate the most appropriate member of our immigration team to your transaction once you instruct us. Regardless of who works on your case, they will be supervised by the head of our immigration department, Shazia Ali, a Solicitor and Managing Partner of the firm.

Shazia Ali qualified in 2005 and has over 15 years' experience in representing clients across a broad range of immigration matters.

Questions

If you have any questions relating to our services and our fees, please contact us on 0161 660 6050 or make an enquiry via our [contact us page](#).