

## Pricing Information for Immigration Services for Individuals



The Business Immigration team at Sheridans is recognised by both Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners Guide to the Legal Profession as a ranked immigration practice.

We deliver a tailored service to our clients, recognising that no two clients are the same. As such the immigration advice and services we provide are designed for each individual client and we will provide bespoke estimates or, in some cases, fixed fees for our work.

Led by partner Owen Jones, the immigration practice at Sheridans provides top quality advice, delivered in a professional and understanding manner. Your case will be progressed by a qualified solicitor with a number of years of experience in immigration law. Their work will be supervised by one of the immigration partners, either Owen Jones or Anita Pali, who both have over 20 years' experience in immigration law. Further details of the experience and background of our team members can be found in the 'Lawyers' section of our website.

### Price Transparency

Sheridans is regulated by the Solicitors Regulatory Authority and is required to publish price information in relation to certain services offered by the firm.

We are pleased to be able to provide information on our standard fee estimates below but the exact fees charged will vary according to case complexity and the amount of time required to provide our services.

The pricing information set out below is intended to inform private individuals / individual clients about our fees for immigration matters. The fees set out below therefore do not apply to work undertaken for corporate clients.

### Our Fees

Our fees are primarily based on the time we spend dealing with your work and the seniority of the team member instructed. At the outset we will provide an estimate of the costs involved in a specific piece of work. We will either provide a fee estimate or in some cases offer a fixed fee.

Charges based on an hourly rate will include all time spent reviewing and working on documents, papers and forms, preparing documents and representations, personal and other attendances, considering strategy and legal positions, preparing and reviewing correspondence, research, file notes, travelling to and from meetings, telephone calls and emails. Time is charged in six minute units which are calculated at 10% of the hourly charge.

Our hourly rates range from £150 for paralegals to £500 for senior partners.

## **Cost estimates**

Our cost estimates represent our view of the likely costs which will be incurred at the time of providing the estimate but does not amount to a fixed fee or fee quote. In certain cases we may offer a fixed fee arrangement. Our fees will be fair and reasonable having regard to all of the relevant circumstances.

When providing cost estimates or fixed fees we will take account of factors including the likely time to be spent on the matter, the size and complexity of issues, the amount of documentation we need to review, whether there are dependants, the urgency of the matter, any need or request to work outside of normal office hours, the expertise or specialist knowledge required, time spent on personal and other attendances, correspondence, preparation, drafting and consideration of documents.

If you can quickly provide us with the required documentation and clearly meet the applicable requirements for a given immigration application, the cost is likely to be at the lower end of the cost estimate range. If your matter is complex, involves the consideration of significant supporting documentation, or if there are particular complexities associated with your application, then we will discuss this with you and provide further cost estimates which take this into account.

We will keep you informed about the progress of your matter. We will provide periodic updates as appropriate. We will let you know what action is needed by you and when a matter is concluded or no further action required.

## **Disbursements**

In the course of our work for you we may incur various expenses (“disbursements”) for which you will be liable. Disbursements include, but are not limited to, the cost of application fees, Home Office fees, the fees of the Home Office’s commercial partners, priority service fees, search fees, filing fees, courier fees, charges for substantial photocopying, travel charges, bank charges, translation fees and other out of pocket expenses.

We will set out to you any likely payments that we may have to make on your behalf. If disbursements are incurred in a currency other than GBP these will normally be calculated and invoiced to you at the published Natwest Bank exchange rate on the date of payment and may include bank fees for payments made in overseas currency. Exchange rates fluctuate (including during the course of the business day), sometimes giving rise to minor discrepancies. We will not be liable to account to you for any gain, nor will you normally be liable for any loss arising from an alteration in exchange rate.

The most common disbursements are government application fees and charges, or fees charged by the government’s commercial partners. These charges vary depending on the application you are making and the processing times requested. Please see this link for all government fees charged for applications submitted from outside and within the UK <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/visa-regulations-revised-table>

## **Value Added Tax**

Our fees are subject to VAT unless a VAT exemption applies in your case. VAT is currently set at 20%. Whilst government fees are not subject to VAT some other disbursements, such as translation fees, will be subject to VAT at 20%.

## **Likely Timescales**

We will provide you with a time estimate for your case but we are unable to guarantee processing times as the exact time taken will be determined by the UK government and its commercial partners.

We are able to prepare immigration cases in some cases within 48 hours whereas others take longer, potentially up to 6 weeks. Once the application is submitted, the processing time from that point will be determined by the Home Office and its commercial partners. The Home Office publishes a list of its service standard times for 'in-country' and 'out of country' applications which can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/visa-decision-waiting-times-applications-outside-the-uk> <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/visa-decision-waiting-times-applications-inside-the-uk>

Naturalisation applications are usually considered within 6 months of submission.

## **What is included in our fees?**

Typical services you can expect are:

- Discussing your case in detail and the availability of particular immigration routes or applications;
- Advising you in respect of UK immigration law;
- Advising you on documentation and supporting evidence;
- Advising you on any issues with your application or potential areas of risk or difficulty;
- Liaising with you in order to take your instructions and provide advice;
- Advising you on likely timescales;
- Preparing and submitting your application; and
- Advising on next steps following a decision.

## **What is excluded?**

- Disbursements, please see above for more information. Whilst we may handle some or all of the payment of the disbursements on your behalf this cost is not included in our fees. We may ask you to provide disbursement costs in advance to be held on your behalf in our client account in advance of submitting the application;
- Dependant applications (save where expressly indicated);
- Work required following the submission of an application such as following up with the Home Office on delays, BRP card delivery failures or errors contained within documentation issued by the Home Office; and
- Advice and work on any appeal, administrative review, new application or Judicial Review.

## **Fee estimates for common application types**

An indication of our fee ranges, based on types of immigration application, are set out below. However, please always contact us to discuss fees and pricing and we will provide a bespoke fee estimate for your case.

The fee ranges are based on the following assumptions:

- supporting documentation and information requested is provided quickly;
- the applicant meets the requirements of the immigration route; and
- there are no previous visa refusals or other negative immigration history.

<b>Application Type</b>	<b>Costs</b>
Investor visa - initial application	£ 7,000 - 14,000
Investor visa - extension application	£ 7,000 - 16,000
Investor visa - indefinite leave to remain	£ 7,000 - 16,000
Global Talent - Stage 1	£ 3,000 - 8,000
Global Talent - Stage 2	£ 3,000 - 5,000
Start Up	£ 3,000 - 5,000
Entrepreneur - extension application	£ 7,000 - 12,000
Entrepreneur - indefinite leave to remain	£ 7,000 - 12,000
Innovator visa - initial application	£ 4,000 - 9,000
Innovator visa - extension application	£ 4,000 - 9,000
Innovator visa - indefinite leave to remain	£ 4,000 - 9,000
Sole representative - initial application	£ 4,000 - 7,000
Sole representative - extension application	£ 5,000 - 9,000
Sole representative - indefinite leave to remain	£ 5,000 - 9,000
Student visa	£ 2,500 - 5,000
Skilled Worker - initial application or extension (where private client work, not arranged through sponsor)	£ 2,000 - 4,000
Skilled Worker - indefinite leave to remain application (where private client work, not arranged through sponsor)	£ 3,000 - 4,500
Temporary Worker - Creative	£ 2,500 - 5,000
Temporary Worker - International Sportsperson	£ 2,500 - 8,000
Government Authorised Exchange	£ 2,500 - 4,000
Youth Mobility	£ 2,500 - 4,000
Applications for British Citizenship - naturalisation	£ 2,500 - 5,000
Applications for British Citizenship - registration	£ 2,500 - 5,000
Visitors and short term students	£ 2,000 - 5,000
Dependent relative	£ 5,000 - 10,000
UK ancestry	£ 2,750 - 5,000
Indefinite leave to remain / settlement for non points based system routes	£ 3,500 - 9,000
EU Settlement Scheme - initial or settlement	£ 2,000 - 8,000
First stage appeals	£ 6,000 - 16,000
PBS Dependants under 18 applying at same time as main applicant	£ 500 - 1,000 per dependant
PBS Dependants applying alone	£ 1,000 - 2,500 per dependant
Spouse / partner - initial applications and extensions	£ 3500 - 6,500
Spouse / partner - indefinite leave to remain	£ 3500 - 9,000
Consultations	£ 500 - 1,500
Admin Review	£ 2,000 - 5,000