

Immigration and Nationality

This information is intended to inform private individuals about our fees for immigration and nationality matters.

We can represent you in your immigration matter on a fixed fee basis with flexible payments. If you cannot afford to pay our fee in full at the time of your instructions, we are happy to accept half of the agreed fee at the time of initial instructions with the balance to be paid before the enrolment of your biometrics.

Our agreed **fixed fee for immigration cases** covers all the work until we receive a written immigration decision for the stage of the **immigration application** or **immigration appeal** for which you have instructed us.

We have set out the hourly rates for lawyers at different levels.

These rates are subject to annual review.

- Principal - £250 - £300
- Associates - £200 - £250
- Legal Assistants - £150

As most matters involve work by a Principal, an associate and a legal assistant, the estimate of hours is based on an average hourly rate of £200 to reflect the involvement of lawyers at different levels.

Your matter will always be supervised by a principal. Work will be completed by lawyers of varying experience. The estimated fee quotes are premised on the work being completed by lawyers across a range of levels, with time estimates using an average hourly rate to reflect the involvement of different lawyers. The time spent by lawyers at different levels will vary depending on several factors including the complexity and nature of the matter. The quotes assume that each stage of the work is conducted by an appropriate level of lawyer, if client preference dictates work be completed at a higher level, this will, of course, impact fee estimates.

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

- The complexity of the legal issues involved
- The urgency of the matter
- The level of documentation available and any issues in obtaining this
- Where the application is being made and any particular additional services you wish to use
- Whether the application is an initial one, an extension or an application for indefinite leave to remain
- Whether there are any dependants and their circumstances
- The nature and number of any required supporting statements
- If we are required to liaise with third parties such as accountants or financial institutions

- If Counsel is required to provide written advice and/or to represent you as part of an appeal process
- The number of tribunal appearances required

Key stages and Timetables

The fees set out above cover all of the work concerning the following key stages of a claim:

- Taking full instructions from you to provide an initial assessment
- Advising on the key requirements of the Immigration Rules, whether the criteria are met and how these apply to your circumstances
- Advising you on the weaknesses and strengths of your application;
- Advising you on the relevant documents to be submitted in support of your application;
- Providing a comprehensive list of documents and information to be provided, providing templates where appropriate
- Reviewing and collating supporting documents to ensure that the documentary evidence is as per requirements of the Home Office UKVI Immigration Rules;
- Liaising with third parties where required to obtain additional evidence
- Preparing the relevant application forms, submitting these on your behalf and booking any necessary appointments
- Drafting a comprehensive covering letter in support of your application
- Where necessary, preparing detailed witness statement of the applicant and/or the sponsor explaining the background of their relationship and other relevant factors about the application;
- Advising on the application submission options and procedure and advising on likely time frames
- Uploading online all the relevant supporting documents before you attend your appointment for enrolment of your biometrics;
- Liaising with the Home Office UKVI for a timely decision on your ILR application
Advising you on the outcome of the application and explaining your new immigration or nationality status, including information about how to remain compliant with your visa conditions and the eligibility criteria for extensions and indefinite leave to remain

How long will my application take?

We are unable to predict how long the Home Office will take to process your application. The Home Office have their customer service standards and you can read more about their current processing times. However, we can provide further information on the application options and likely time frames as part of the advice we will provide to you if instructed.

The processing times for your application will vary depending on the application service you select and where the application is being made. The Home Office offers service times ranging from same-day decisions to 6 months. We will advise on the likely service time in each case.

The time it takes to prepare and submit your application depends to a great extent on whether you have all the requisite documentary evidence ready. We will normally be able to submit this type of application within 2-3 weeks of receiving your instructions, but we will let you know at the earliest opportunity if it is likely to take longer than this.

Urgent matters can be prioritised but this may impact cost depending on the circumstances of the case.

Please note the anticipated 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.

Fees

Your fixed fee would be agreed upon before formalising our engagement with you.

The below fee quotes relate to work undertaken for individuals and are intended to provide an overview of some of the most common application types. The estimates set out here have been provided to give a range of likely fees for standard applications. All applications are likely to vary and of course, we can give you a more accurate estimate or may be able to agree on a fixed fee once we have more information about your specific case, your circumstances and the nature of the assistance you require.

This fee quote assumes you meet the requirements of the Immigration Rules, EEA Regulations or British Nationality Act 1981 (as applicable) without requiring discretion to be exercised.

It also assumes there are no other factors that make the application more complex such as a criminal record or a history of non-compliance with UK immigration.

Please note the anticipated number of hours and fees are an estimate.

The rates and fee estimates below are exclusive of VAT.

Application types

Applications to become British under the British Nationality Act 1981

On average, this work takes between 4-10 hours at our estimated average rate to complete. This means that on average costs are between £800 - £2000. All figures exclude VAT unless specifically stated.

Applications for leave to enter or remain or indefinite leave to enter or remain by EU, other EEA and Swiss citizens and their family members, and the family members of a qualifying British citizen

On average, this work takes between 7 -15 hours at our estimated average rate to complete. This means that on average costs are between £1400 - £3000. All figures exclude VAT unless specifically stated.

Applications for work, study and business under the Points-Based system

On average, this work takes between 7-30 hours at our estimated average rate to complete. This means that on average costs are between £1,400 - £6,000. All figures exclude VAT unless specifically stated.

Innovator visa	£2500 – £6000
Start-up visa	£2500– £6000
Skilled worker	£1500 – £4000
Study visa	£1000– £3000
Dependents	£750 per dependent

Application for Sponsor Licence

On average, this work takes between 6-15 hours at our estimated average rate to complete. This means that on average costs are between £1,200 - £3000. All figures exclude VAT unless specifically stated.

Leave to enter or remain under Graduates route

On average, this work takes between 4-10 hours at our estimated average rate to complete. This means that on average costs are between £800 - £2000. All figures exclude VAT unless specifically stated.

Visit visas

Visit visa for tourism, medical, family visit

On average, this work takes between 4 -10 hours at our estimated average rate to complete. This means that on average costs are between £800 - £2000. All figures exclude VAT unless specifically stated.

Renewal/extension of a visitor visa to cover all the work	£800 - £1500
Pre-action Protocol (PAP) to challenge the refusal of visitor visa refusal	£1000 - £1,500
On papers application for permission to apply for Judicial Review against the refusal of visitor visa application	£1,000 - £2,500
Full help with a fresh application for visitor visa after the refusal of the visitor visa application	£1,000 - £2,000

Leave to enter or remain under Appendix FM of the Immigration Rules

On average, this work takes between 7 -20 hours at our estimated average rate to complete. This means that on average costs are between £1,200 - £4000. All figures exclude VAT unless specifically stated.

Family Members	Price
Spouse/Unmarried partner/Fiance Application	£1400-£4000
Family life as a parent of a child in the UK	£1400-£4000
Dependents	£500 per dependent
Child of settled person	£1400-£4000

Dependent Relative £2500-£4000

Ancestry visas

On average, this work takes between 8 -20 hours at our estimated average rate to complete. This means that on average costs are between £1,600 - £4,000. All figures exclude VAT unless specifically stated.

Indefinite leave to remain

On average, this work takes between 9 -25 hours at our estimated average rate to complete. This means that on average costs are between £1,800 - £5000. All figures exclude VAT unless specifically stated.

Outside the Rules application

Applications for leave to remain outside the Immigration rules on a discretionary basis, human rights applications

Asylum & Humanitarian Applications

On average, this work takes between 15 -25 hours at our estimated average rate to complete. This means that on average costs are between £1,800 - £5000. All figures exclude VAT unless specifically stated.

Asylum & Humanitarian Applications £3000 to £5000

Section 120 Response.

On average, this work takes between 4 -6 hours at our estimated average rate to complete. This means that on average costs are between £800 - £1,200. All figures exclude VAT unless specifically stated.

Excluding: expert reports and country guidance research £800 to £1200

Other Services

Arranging VIA appointments at the Home Office £500

Subject Access Request £500

File Transfer from existing representatives and considering the case £350

Attendance at the Home Office £500 – £950 plus travel fares

Disbursements (not included in costs set out above):

The costs quoted here do not include any disbursements related to your matter. Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as visa

fees, Court or any Tribunal fees. We handle the payment of disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process.

- Translation – these depend on the size of the document and the amount of text to be translated. We will always discuss the cost with you before instructing the translation company to proceed.
- Independent expert reports e.g. medical experts. These are not required in most cases - we will let you know as soon as possible if we consider an expert report is necessary.
- If there is an interview and we travel to see you, there may be additional disbursements in respect of our mileage/travel expenses.

Appeals

Making an Appeal to the First-tier Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber)

You may be able to appeal to the First-tier Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) in some circumstances including where the Home Office has:

- Refused your asylum or human rights claim.
- Decided to revoke your protection status.
- Decided to take away your British citizenship.

If you are looking to make an immigration appeal, you must seek proper legal advice and representation. Our expert solicitors have many years of experience with the immigration appeals system and will strive to give your case the best chance of success.

Key stages

The fees set out here cover all of the work about the following key stages of a claim:

- Reviewing your letter of refusal and advising you of the merits of appealing.
- Advising you of the appeal process
- Assisting you in completing your Appeal form
- Drafting your Grounds of Appeal
- Despatching your notice of appeal to the Home Office before the deadline

If your case proceeds to full appeal:

- Drafting your witness statement and the statements of third parties
- Drafting your skeleton Argument
- Preparing all supporting documents for your Appeal
- Collating and paginating the Appeal bundle
- Arranging representation for you at your appeal hearing

Fees

On average, this work takes between 15-40 hours at our estimated average rate to complete the appeal process. This means that on average costs are between £3000 - £8,000. All figures exclude VAT unless specifically stated.

Counsel's fees are estimated between £500 to £3,000 per day, (depending on the experience of the advocate) for attending a Tribunal Hearing (including preparation).

Lodging Notice of Appeal	£750 – 1000
Preparing for the hearing	£2250 – £5000
Application for permission to appeal	£1000 – 1500
Hearing before Upper Tribunal	£1500 – £3500
Bail application to the First-Tier Tribunal	£1250 – £2000
Pre-action Protocol Letters (pre Judicial review)	£1000 - £1,500
Appeals reconsideration submissions	£1000
Unlawful detention claims award (Excluding any Counsel litigation fees) CFA May apply)	£1500 plus 25% of the final
Deprivation of Citizenship Claims (Excluding any Counsel litigation fees) CFA May apply)	£2500 plus 25% of the award

Judicial Review of an Immigration Decision, UK

Judicial review is a legal process that allows you to challenge the lawfulness of the decision or an action of a public body in the UK. This could be the UK Border Agency or the Home Office. In a judicial review, intervention by a court may occur in a decision if it does not follow legislation, [immigration](#) rules and human rights. In addition to this if the decision-maker fails to be procedurally fair or if the matters spoken about are not mentioned or are irrelevant, the court may intervene.

You can seek leave of the court for judicial review where you can prove you have an arguable case with a real prospect of success.

A judicial review may only take place provided the following two criteria are both met:

- There are no other routes of challenging a decision made such as no right of appeal.
- The judicial review principles identify the decision as unlawful.

To challenge a decision by way of judicial review, you must challenge the decision without delay or in any event within three months of the decision you wish to have reviewed. In some cases, our judicial review applications have been settled in our client's favour before any hearing.

Please note that a successful judicial review does not mean the initial decision in question is changed. It just means that it will be deemed unlawful and will be lawful and legally reconsidered by the public authority.

Key stages

The fees cover all of the work concerning the following key stages of a claim:

- Reviewing your letter of refusal and advising you of the merits of making an application for judicial review
- Advising you of the judicial review process
- Assisting you in completing your Claim form
- Drafting your Grounds for seeking judicial review
- Filing and serving your Claim form at the court and to the Home Office

- Drafting your witness statement and the statements of third parties
- Drafting your skeleton Argument
- Preparing all supporting documents for judicial review
- Collating and paginating the judicial review bundle
- Arranging representation for you at your judicial review hearing.

Fees

On average, this work takes between 10-40 hours at our estimated average rate to complete. This means that on average costs are between £2000 - £8,000. All figures exclude VAT unless specifically stated.

On papers application for permission to apply for
Judicial Review £1,000 - £2,500

For details as to whether NatAdo Solicitors will be able to assist with your specific immigration and nationality query and to receive a quote tailored to your specific requirements, please contact us.