

FEES POLICY - IMMIGRATION

INTRODUCTION

We offer services on fixed fees but also take up work on an hourly rate basis in judicial review matters. We are tailored to provide services accordingly to your needs. We endeavour to provide our clients with all the information required to decision and choices about professional services provided by our firm. We undertake all kind of immigration services to business and individuals alike.

The cost given below is an estimate and is for guide only however upon seeking full instruction with complete documents and information, we will be able to give you an exact cost assessment.

Fee for Legal Advice :

Initial Advice or Consultation, we then charge £30 per advice and £50-£150.00 for complex consultation.

Immigration Applications to Home Office.

Please note that the fees below are mentioned per application and per applicant. However, where a multiples applicants are applying together, we are able to agree a fixed fees:

- ◇ £750 - Visit/Family Visitor Visa / Average Fees is per applicant
- ◇ £1,500 - Application for Indefinite Leave to Remain in the UK -
- ◇ £1,250 Applications under Private Life route including human rights based on 20 years long residence, Child's 7 years continuous residence, etc)
- ◇ £1,250 - Application for Discretionary Leave to Remain in the UK (6 years and 10 years rule) per applicant or £2,000 for combined family
- ◇ £1,000 - Application for Naturalisation
- ◇ £1,250 - Application for leave to remain the UK as family members of a person present and settled in the UK
- ◇ £1,250 - EUSS Applications including retained rights, pre-settled and settled, derivative residence card as a primary career, extended family members)
- ◇ £1,250 - Extension of leave to remain in the UK (on all categories)
- ◇ £1,250 - Application for work visas (Tier 1, Skilled Worker, Work extensions, etc)
- ◇ Any and all immigration work which arises out of the UK immigration laws with fees to be agreed before accepting instructions.
- ◇ £2000-3000- sponsorship license processing fee.

What the above fees includes:

As professionals we know the clients and understand their unique circumstances. We offer reasonable fees and flexible payment terms for all of our clients. If clients cannot afford to pay our fee in full at the time of the instructions, we are happy to accept half of the agreed fee at the time of initial instructions and the balance to be paid within 28 days. Our agreed fee covers all work relating to your matter including;

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- ◇ Taking instructions at initial stage
- ◇ Perusing the existing documents and advice on the merits
- ◇ Preparing the relevant application/appeal forms on your behalf
- ◇ Preparing grounds of appeal
- ◇ Preparing representations in support of your application
- ◇ Submitting and sending the application form, representations and support evidence to the Home Office
- ◇ Instructed and liaising with barrister to attend at the tribunal hearings/appeals
- ◇ All communication between the Home Office and other agencies concerning your application/appeal until we receive a written decision in your matter.

Please be advised that we will only issue a refund if you withdraw your instructions before any work has started, and at the discretion of the Firm.

Immigration Appeals or Judicial Review

- ◇ £2,500 - Immigration Appeals to First Tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal (lodging grounds of appeal, preparing the case and advocacy at the tribunal) -
- ◇ £2,500 - Judicial Review¹ until decision on papers (not covering hearing stage or oral permission hearing etc) - payable as on account
- ◇ £3,000 - Appeal to the Court of appeal / UK Supreme Court (average fees, as they may vary depending on choice of barrister, etc)

VAT, where applicable

VAT is chargeable on all our fees and disbursements @ 20% and disbursement i.e. counsel's fee, third party invoices, unless exemption/exception applies as per HMRC policy.

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN OUR FEES

Please note that all of the items listed below are excluded from our professional fees. The items are, but are not limited to the following:

- ◇ Home Office fees, including application fees, Immigration Health Surcharge, other fees etc;
- ◇ Court fees, translation fees, or other third parties' fees payable on your behalf, i.e. HM Passport Office, HMRC, HM Land Registry etc
- ◇ Counsel's (barrister) fees for their services, i.e. attendance at hearing, advice, travelling etc. Please note that in all cases we discuss the most suitable counsel with you and their fees up front. In some cases, the counsel may agree to charge on hourly rate and we will keep you apprised of their fees.
- ◇ Travel and meeting charges
- ◇ External Professional Translation service providers fees
- ◇ Bank charges
- ◇ Document attestation fees etc

¹ Judicial Review against Home Office/ECO's decisions are always undertaken on hourly rate basis, unless otherwise agreed on fixed fees. See below under Hourly Fee Policy for Immigration related Litigation.

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Please note that we will agree with you as to how you would like to agree to pay our professional fees. In most cases, we provide services on fixed fee basis and it is not dependent on the success of the particular service undertaken. We will keep you apprised of our fees and if additional works becomes necessary any additional costs before we start any further work.

Time Estimate for consideration of application/appeal/court litigation

It is difficult to estimate how long it will take before the Home Office can reach a decision in your matter as this will depend on a case and a caseworker dealing with the application. However, we can only give a rough estimate that most straight forward cases can takes between 3 to 6 months for the Home Office to provide a decision, and complicated cases can take between 3 to 12 months or more for the Home Office to reach a decision.

HOURLY RATES FEE AGREEMENT

Our charges will normally be calculated by references to the time spent in dealing with your case or transaction unless otherwise indicated to you in writing. The caseworker will keep a record of any time they spend in working on your case or transaction and this would include attending upon you and others, perusing and considering documents, correspondents, telephone calls, travelling and waiting time. Letters written and telephone calls are usually charged on the basis of six-minute units and should, for example, if a telephone call lasts more than six minutes then the charge will be increase based upon increments of further six-minute units. Each fee earner at this practice has been given hourly rates and these rates are reviewed annually. The hourly rate may vary and is usually dependent upon;

- The degree of urgency in your case or transaction.
- The complexity of your case or transaction
- The importance of your case or transaction
- The amount of any money involved in your case or transaction.
- The skill and experience of the solicitor

My hourly charges are as below, unless otherwise agreed in writing.

NAME	HOURLY RATE
PRINCIPAL PARTNERS	£250 - £282
SOLICITORS	£185- £232
PARALEGALS	£129

Time Estimate for consideration of Tribunal appeals or other Court litigation

It is difficult to estimate how long it will take before the Immigration Tribunals and/or Courts will consider the hearing or claim on papers, as may be. The time estimate will vary in each case. However, we can only give a rough estimate that most straight forward appeals can takes between 3 to 6 months before the Tribunal list them for hearing or up to 12 months at higher courts.