

PAYNE HICKS BEACH

CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FEES

Our team has over 45 years of collective experience in delivering high quality work in all matters relating to Citizenship and Immigration matters. The team has particular expertise in Tier 1 Investor and Tier 1 Entrepreneur applications.

We have nine members of the team who may work on your matter. Regardless of who works on your matter, they will be supervised either by Kathryn Bradbury, Partner and Head of Citizenship and Immigration or Matt Ingham, Partner.

Details of each team member appear here: [Team Members](#).

We provide a bespoke and personalised service. We have set out below the range of fees charged for the majority of straightforward applications. The exact fee we will charge depends on the circumstances in your case. Such as:

1. The amount of supporting evidence that we need to consider;
2. The complexity of the case, including any adverse immigration history, criminal charges or convictions, and any non-compliance with immigration rules; and
3. Whether you are applying with other dependants.

If you are able to 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 this range.

If the matter is complex, we may charge fees that are higher than those quoted below and the fees may be charged on hourly rates rather than a fixed fee.

Once we have assessed your circumstances and taken instructions from you, we will advise you in writing what the charges would be in your case:

1. Applying for a visa to join family in the UK - £6,000 to £10,000;
2. Proof of residence for EU citizens - £3,000 to £5,000;
3. Work and business based immigration categories - £5,000 to £25,000;
4. Settling in the UK (applying for Indefinite Leave to Remain) - £5,000 to £12,000;
5. Applying to become British (Naturalisation or Registration) - £5,000 to £7,000; and
6. Appeals to the First-tier Tribunal challenging decisions on human rights grounds - £50,000 to £150,000.

As at 1 June 2023, our hourly rates are as follows:

Kathryn Bradbury	Partner	£550
Matt Ingham	Partner	£500
Gintare Plistkovaite	Associate	£300
Navka Raja	Associate	£250
Alexander Glibbery	Immigration Manager	£250
Richard Milford	Associate	£230
Fiona-Mary Haviland	Associate Member CILEX	£230
	Trainee solicitors and Paralegals	£130 - £200

All figures exclude VAT (currently at 20%) charged to those resident in the UK.

Please note that in some highly complex matters we may apply an increase to our standard hourly rates.

What services are included?

The work will involve:

1. discussing your circumstances in detail and confirming whether this is the most appropriate application for you to make and what other options may be available to you;
2. giving you advice about the requirements of the Immigration Rules and whether you meet the criteria;
3. if you do not fulfil certain criteria, whether this can be overcome and how;
4. considering the supporting evidence you have provided;
5. where necessary, helping you obtain further evidence (such as medical records and bank statements), including taking statements of any witnesses;
6. preparing your application and submitting it on your behalf;
7. attendance at a Home Office interview: if the Home Office ask you to attend an interview, we will give you clear advice (and discuss the possibility of us attending with you) at the appropriate time; and
8. giving you advice about the outcome of the application and any further steps you need to take.

Disbursements (not included in costs set out above)

Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as visa fees:

1. Counsel's fees (for a barrister). In the event it is necessary to instruct counsel in your matter, we will discuss this with you and advise of the applicable costs. Generally barristers charge on an hourly rate of between £300 to £600 per hour (plus VAT) depending on seniority;
2. Independent expert reports e.g. medical experts. These are not required in many cases: we will let you know as soon as possible if we consider an expert report is necessary;
3. If there is an interview and we do attend with you, there will be additional fees charged for our time, and disbursements in respect of our mileage/travel expenses; and
4. Translation costs. These vary depending upon the number of documents to be translated. A standard birth or marriage certificate usually costs in the region of £30-£50 (plus VAT) to translate.

The costs quoted here do not include:

1. Any [Home Office fees](#) for making the application. You will pay this to the Home Office directly as part of the application process; and
2. Where the Home Office refuse your application, advice and assistance in relation to any appeal, Administrative Review, or Judicial Review.

How long will my application take?

We cannot guarantee how long the Home Office will take to process your application.

[Read the current processing times.](#)

We will normally be able to submit this type of application within 1-2 weeks of you providing us with all of the documents and information necessary for your case, but we will let you know at the earliest opportunity if it is likely to take longer than this.

Please note the anticipated number of hours and 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. 10 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, London WC2A 3QG

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