

Immigration Services (excluding asylum) Pricing Guide

We are required by the Solicitors Regulation Authority to publish the below pricing information.

Kindly note that the information provided below applies solely to the specific circumstances outlined. Unless a fixed fee is explicitly stated to be applicable to all cases of that type, the details are intended as a general guide. Please contact us for a tailored fee proposal based on your unique facts and circumstances.

This type of work is overseen by Mrs Serpil Ersan, our Managing Director and Solicitor

Qualifications and experience:

Mrs Serpil Ersan – Managing Director, Partner and Solicitor – Grade A

Mrs Serpil Ersan is the head of our team and has many years of experience in immigration.

Mrs Serpil Ersan qualified as a solicitor in 15/10/2001 after obtaining her degree from Ankara University and has furthered her education by completing the Graduate Diploma in Law and the Legal Practice Course at the College of Law She completed her training contract at Levenes Solicitors before founding ERSAN and Co Solicitors in 2008.

Our fees:

Our fees for immigration work will generally be undertaken on a time basis at our hourly rates listed below, we may agree a fixed fee upon request. We do not provide advice or assistance on the basis of legal aid.

The number of anticipated hours and fees below are an estimate based on a typical scenario relating to that service without undue delays, complexities or unusual circumstances. All applications are fact specific and are likely to vary – we will provide you with a more accurate estimate once we have more information about your specific case.

A note on value added tax (VAT) – The figures below show VAT inclusive and VAT exclusive rates. VAT is chargeable on legal services at standard rate: 20%. However, charging VAT in relation to immigration matters may depend on where you live and what immigration permission you have. We will confirm whether VAT is payable when you instruct us and we can work out if VAT is properly chargeable.

Hourly rates:

	£ excl VAT at 20%	£ incl VAT at 20%
Grade D - Paralegal	£143 / hour	£171.60 / hour
Grade D - Trainee	£143 / hour	£171.60 / hour
Grade C – Solicitor / legal executive (less than 4 years experience)	£204 / hour	£244.80 / hour
Grade B - Senior Solicitor (4 or more years experience)	£256 / hour	£307.20 / hour
Grade A - Partner	£312 / hour	£374.40 / hour

Initial Consultation & Assessment:

Fee: £100 - £300 excl VAT (£120 - £360 incl VAT).

This fee may be waived if you proceed with full services as listed below in the tables.

Our fee estimates for work undertaken are as follows:

Visa type	Entry Clearance		Extension		Indefinite Leave to Remain	
	Incl Vat at 20%	Ex VAT at 20%	Incl Vat at 20%	Ex VAT at 20%	Incl Vat at 20%	Ex VAT at 20%
Family routes						
Spouse Visa	From £2400 - £3600	From £2000 - £3000	From £2400 - £3600	From £2000 - £3000	From £3000 - £4800	From £2500 - £4000
Unmarried partner / civil partner visa	From £2400 - £3600	From £2000 - £3000	From £2400 - £3600	From £2000 - £3000	From £3000 - £4800	From £2500 - £4000
Fiancé visa	From £2400 - £3600	From £2000 - £3000	From £2400 - £3600	From £2000 - £3000	From £3000 - £4800	From £2500 - £4000
Settlement applications for dependent children under 18	From £2400 - £3600	From £2000 - £3000	From £2400 - £3600	From £2000 - £3000	From £3000 - £4800	From £2500 - £4000
Settlement applications for adult dependent relatives	From £2400 - £3600	From £2000 - £3000	From £2400 - £3600	From £2000 - £3000	From £3000 - £4800	From £2500 - £4000
Private life	From £2400 - £3600	From £2000 - £3000	From £2400 - £3600	From £2000 - £3000	From £3000 - £4800	From £2500 - £4000
Family life as parent	From £2400 - £4200	From £2000 - £3500	From £2400 - £3600	From £2000 - £3000	From £3000 - £4800	From £2500 - £4000
Pre-settled	From £2400 incl VAT or £2000 excl VAT					
Settled	From £2400 incl VAT or £2000 excl VAT					

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	Incl Vat at 20%	Ex VAT at 20%	Incl Vat at 20%	Ex VAT at 20%	Incl Vat at 20%	Ex VAT at 20%
Working routes – Points Based System						
Employer sponsor licence skilled	From £1800 - £2160	From £1500 - £2500	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

worker application						
Family member of PBS Migrant	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £3000 - £4800	From £2500 - £4000
Innovator Visa / Founder	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £3000 - £4800	From £2500 - £4000
Skilled worker visa	From £1800 - £2160	From £1500 - £2500	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £3000 - £4800	From £2500 - £4000
Skilled senior or specialist worker visa	From £2160 - £3360	From £1800 - £2800	From £2160 - £3360	From £1800 - £2800	From £3000 - £4800	From £2500 - £4000
Tier 2 – religious worker / sporting workers	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £3000 - £4800	From £2500 - £4000

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	Incl Vat at 20%	Ex VAT at 20%	Incl Vat at 20%	Ex VAT at 20%	Incl Vat at 20%	Ex VAT at 20%
Expansion – sponsor licence	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Expansion Worker	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £3000 - £4800	From £2500 - £4000
Direct family member	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £3000 - £4800	From £2500 - £4000
Domestic worker in private household	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £3000 - £4800	From £2500 - £4000
Turkish Worker Visa	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £3000 - £4800	From £2500 - £4000
Turkish Businesspersons Visa	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £3000 - £4800	From £2500 - £4000
Ancestry	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £3000 - £4800	From £2500 - £4000
Ancestry direct family	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £3000 - £4800	From £2500 - £4000

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	Incl Vat at 20%	Ex VAT at 20%	Incl Vat at 20%	Ex VAT at 20%	Incl Vat at 20%	Ex VAT at 20%
Studying – Points Based System						
Tier 4 - Child	From £960 - £1800	From £800 -£1500	From £960 -£1580	From £800 -£1500	From £3000 - £4800	From £2500 - £4000
Tier 4 - Adult	From £960 - £1800	From £800 -£1500	From £960 -£1800	From £800 -£1500	From £3000 - £4800	From £2500 - £4000
Dependants – family members	From £960 - £1800	From £800 -£1500	From £960 -£1800	From £800 -£1500	From £3000 - £4800	From £2500 - £4000
Visa type	Entry Clearance		Extension		Indefinite Leave to Remain	
	Incl Vat at 20%	Ex VAT at 20%	Incl Vat at 20%	Ex VAT at 20%	Incl Vat at 20%	Ex VAT at 20%
Temporary working routes – Points Based System						
Tier 5 (all categories)	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £3000 - £4800	From £2500 - £4000
Tier 5 – family members	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £3000 - £4800	From £2500 - £4000
Youth mobility scheme	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £3000 - £4800	From £2500 - £4000

Visa type	Entry Clearance		Extension		Indefinite Leave to Remain	
	Incl Vat at 20%	Ex VAT at 20%	Incl Vat at 20%	Ex VAT at 20%	Incl Vat at 20%	Ex VAT at 20%
Short term routes						
Visit – general (short term)	From £960 - £1440	From £800 - 1200	From £960 - £1440	From £960 - £1440	N/A	N/A
Visit – general (long term)	From £960 - £1440	From £800 - 1200	From £960 - £1440	From £960 - £1440	N/A	N/A
Medical visit	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	From £1800 - £2400	From £1500 - £2000	N/A	N/A

Other applications	Incl VAT at 20%	Excl VAT at 20%
Appeal	Hourly rate	Hourly rate
Indefinite stay after 10 years in the UK	From £3000 - £4800	From £2500 - £4000
Indefinite stay after 20 years unlawful and / or lawful stay in the UK	From £3000 - £4800	From £2500 - £4000
Naturalisation - Adult	From £1800 - £3000	From £1500 - £2500
Naturalisation - Child	From £1800 - £3000	From £1500 - £2500

Child registration (MN1)	From £1800 - £3000	From £1500 - £2500
Child registration (T) / Adult registration	From £1800 - £3000	From £1500 - £2500

Fixed Fee Arrangements

We can represent you under a fixed fee arrangement, depending on the complexity and duration of your case. Please contact us to discuss whether we may be able to offer a fixed fee in your case.

What is included in the fee estimates above?

- Discussing your circumstances to establish the most appropriate application to make and advising on viable options
- Considering documents you have provided to us – we anticipate this will take between 4 and 6 hours depending on the amount of documents provided
- Where necessary, helping you obtain further evidence (such as medical records and bank statements), including taking statements of any witnesses.
- Emails to and from you, phone calls to and from you and meetings
- Taking your instructions and providing advice about the requirements of the Immigration Rules and whether you meet eligibility criteria
- Preparing and submitting the application on your behalf. We anticipate this will take around 4 hours.
- Attendance at a Home Office interview: if the Home Office asks you to attend an interview, we will give you clear advice (and discuss the possibility of us attending with you) at the appropriate time. This could be between 2 and 3 hours' work.
- Advising you on timelines and outcome of your application, and any further steps you need to take.

Once we have confirmed your instructions, we will provide you with a tailored fee estimate.

What is not included in the fee estimates above or fixed fee arrangements?

- These fee estimates do not include **disbursements** (costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties) or **expenses** (sums that we charge clients in relation to third party costs we incur in connection with undertaking your matter) - please see the disbursements and expenses sections below.
- **Additional time** in respect of (i) large number of documents provided, and (ii) arranging interpreters or further evidence, and (iii) obtaining missing documents.
- **Home Office fees.**
- **Appeals:** If the Home Office reject or refuse your application, the fees estimates above do not include any advice or assistance in relation to any **appeal**. Typical fees for appeals and judicial reviews are £3000 - £6000 excl VAT (£3600 - £7200 incl VAT)

Disbursements (not included in the tables above or fixed fee arrangements)

You will be required to pay disbursements in addition to our fees. We handle the payment of disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process. There are a number of possible disbursements payable to third parties in relation to our immigration services such as visa fees, healthcare surcharges and biometric charges - please contact us for an estimate of the disbursements that are likely to be relevant to your matter, as actual disbursements can vary

significantly between matters. Some examples of disbursements that may be incurred on your matter are set out below:

- Interpreters – if required, interpreter’s fees will be quoted separately. If you have a friend or family member who can assist with interpretation, please let us know. Hourly rates are usually in the region of £25 - £90 plus VAT depending on language, notice, availability and working hours.
- Independent expert reports – For example – medical experts – These are not usually required but we will inform you if we consider an expert report is necessary.
- Interviews – if we attend an interview with you, expenses may be incurred in respect of mileage / travel expenses. We will let you have an estimate of such expenses before they are incurred.
- Home Office fees – You must pay these disbursements to the Home Office directly as part of the application process, alternatively we can assist in facilitating payments. Please see the following link for Home Office fees <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/visa-regulations-revised-table> Typical costs of Home Office fees are the following:
 - Visa application fees: Variable based on application type.
 - Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS): Approximately £624 per year for most applications.
 - Citizenship application fees: £1,330 for adults and £1,012 for children.
 - Settlement (Indefinite Leave to Remain) fees: £2,404 per applicant.
 - Priority processing fees: £500 to £800 depending on the type of application.
- **Biometric Fees:** Approximately £19.20 (incl VAT) or £16 excl VAT per applicant.
- **Translation and Certification Costs:** Translation and certification costs depend on the number and complexity of documents. Below is an estimate:
 - Simple documents (e.g., birth certificates, marriage certificates): £50 - £75 excl VAT and £60 - £90 incl VAT per document.
 - Complex documents (e.g., legal contracts, academic transcripts): £90 - £150 excl VAT or £108 - £180 incl VAT per document.
 - Certification costs: Approximately £25 - £50 excl VAT or £30 - £60 incl VAT per document.
- **Counsel Fees**

If it is necessary to instruct counsel (barristers) for advice, drafting, or representation at hearings, their fees will be charged in addition to our fees. Counsel’s fees vary depending on their seniority and the complexity of the matter. Based on typical cases, we estimate counsel’s fees as follows:

 - Junior Barrister: £750 - £1,500 (excl VAT) or £900 - £1800 (incl VAT) for a one-day hearing or advice.
 - Senior Barrister/QC: £2,000 - £5,000 (plus VAT) or £2400 - £6000 (incl VAT) for a one-day hearing or complex advice.

These estimates are subject to change based on the specific requirements of your case. We will provide a detailed fee estimate and obtain your agreement before instructing counsel
- **Court or Tribunal Fees:**
 - For appeals or judicial reviews, costs range from £80 to £140 (VAT not applicable) (subject to case type).
- **Refusal / Rejection of application**

Expenses (not included in the tables above or fixed fee arrangements)

These are sums that we charge clients in relation to third party costs we incur in connection with undertaking your matter. You will be required to pay expenses in addition to our fees. Please contact us for an estimate of the expenses that are likely to be relevant to your matter, as actual disbursements can vary between matters. Some examples of expenses that may be incurred on you matter are set out below:

- **Money transfer fees –**
- This fee is often charged for processing and transferring funds during the transaction.
 - Estimated range: £20 to £60 incl. VAT (approximately £16.67 to £50 excl. VAT).
- **Electronic Anti Money Laundering Search fee:**
This fee is for conducting AML checks required by law to ensure compliance.
Estimated range: £15 to £50 incl. VAT (approximately £12.50 to £41.67 excl. VAT).

Factors that may impact our Legal Fees

The cost of our legal services and number of hours undertaken on your matter can vary depending on the specifics of your transaction. Key factors that may influence our fees include:

- The amount of supporting evidence we may have to consider
- The language(s) you speak and whether a friend or family member can be your interpreter. Interpreter's fees can be significant and are separately charged – usually on the basis of time spent
- Whether you are applying with other dependents
- Provision of sufficient evidence at our first meeting which clearly meet the applicable Immigration Rules are likely to result in lower legal fee costs

Timings

We will normally be able to submit most applications within two weeks from receipt of all evidence and information from you. In respect of complex transactions under the Tier 1 routes, applications can take much longer to prepare and submit.

We cannot guarantee the length of time the Home Office will take to process your application. Please see the following link for the current Home Office processing times - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/visa-processing-times-applications-outside-the-uk>

However, the timeline indicated above can be affected by:

- Complex transactions under Tier 1 routes
- Issues identified during collation of evidence / documents from you
- Outstanding evidence / documents from you which have been requested by us
- Awaited expert reports (if applicable)

Key Stages

- Initial consultation – to understand your needs, assess your personal details and provide a fee proposal
- Eligibility assessment and advice – review your qualifications against specific visa category requirements and advice on criteria to be met.
- Document preparation & review – collate supporting evidence and ensure documents comply with Home Office standards

These first three stages are generally estimated to take 1 – 2 weeks

- Drafting and submission of application – we will prepare and complete the appropriate Home Office application forms, conduct a thorough review for errors/inconsistencies and submit the visa application online or through the appropriate process. This is generally estimated to take a couple of hours as indicated above.
- Appointment scheduling & biometrics – arrange for you to attend UKVCAS centre or visa application centre – 2 – 3 weeks after submission
- Communication with Home Office – We will follow-up and monitor the application process and respond to any enquiries – Home Office can take 6 – 12 weeks to process and in some cases 6 months.
- Decision & next steps – Communicate the Home Office decision to you and provide a copy of the decision letter and provide further advice by explaining visa conditions, validity and next steps (e.g. obtaining a Biometric Residence Permit) or if the application is refused, advise on options such as reviews, appeals or reapplications.

Next steps

We very much hope that the above general information has been of use. If you would like a bespoke quotation tailored to your facts and circumstances, please contact us:

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