
immigration - application under the points based system

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Application for a visa under the Points Based System

On average, assisting a single applicant with a visa under the Points Based System often takes around 4 to 6 hours to complete. This means that, on average, our costs are between £1,000 and £1,500 plus VAT and disbursements.

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

- the amount of supporting evidence that we need to consider
- which language(s) you speak
- whether you are applying with other dependants
- whether you need us to complete the application for you or whether you just need us to review it

If you are able to provide sufficient evidence during our first discussion and clearly meet the applicable Immigration Rules, the cost is likely to be at the lower end of this range.

What services are included:

The work can involve:

- 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;
- giving you advice about the requirements of the Immigration Rules and whether you meet the criteria;
- if you do not fulfil certain criteria, whether this can be overcome and how;
- considering the supporting evidence you have provided;
- preparing your application;
- advising you on the overall application process and timescales; and
- giving you advice about the outcome of the application and any further steps you need to take.

Advice and assistance where the Home Office refuse your application is not included.

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. The following disbursements are not included in the estimate above:

- Interpreters' fees;
- If there is an interview with UKVI and we do attend with you, there will be additional disbursements in respect of our mileage/travel expenses;

- Any Home Office fees for making the application. You will pay this to the Home Office directly as part of the application process;

How long will my application take?

We cannot guarantee how long the Home Office will take to process your application. We recommend that you review the current processing times on the gov.uk website.

We will normally be able to submit this type of application within 4 weeks of you instructing us, 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.

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