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## **Legal Fee Information for Immigration applications**

### **Introduction**

We have set out below the issues you need to consider in relation to Legal Fees and disbursements for the preparation and submission of immigration applications, excluding asylum applications and the provision of advice and representation at the First-tier Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) in relation to appeals against Home Office visa or immigration decisions, excluding asylum appeals

Our Legal Fees cover all of the work required to handle your case from instruction to conclusion.

### **Legal Fees and action we will take**

Legal Fees are the amount you will be required to pay for all the work performed by us in actioning your instructions from commencement of your case to conclusion.

The fees supplied below include the following services:

- Consideration of documents
- Client attendance
- Taking instructions and providing advice
- Preparing and submitting the application
- Advising on the outcome of the application

Typically, our work will be charged on an hourly rate basis due to the individual nature of each client's matter. Our hourly rates range between £250 plus VAT (£300.00 Inc. VAT).

### **All fees are average:**

Our fees in respect of immigration matters will vary based on the amount of work involved.

For a more specific quote, kindly email us with details of your immigration matter and we will be happy to provide you with a quotation. Alternatively, kindly arrange an appointment with us so that

we can discuss your case with you and inform you of our costs and what the process will involve. Such a consultative appointment will be charged at £125 plus VAT (£150.00 Inc. VAT) for the first half hour.

To assist and provide you with more information, we have listed below a guide estimate price range covering most of the applications. Our fees are often in the region outlined below: –

Visitor Visa ( <i>each</i> )	From £1,000.00 plus VAT (£1,200.00 Inc. VAT)
Settlement – Set (O)	From £1,500.00 plus VAT (£1,800.00 Inc. VAT)
Citizenship – Form AN	From £750.00 plus VAT (£900.00 Inc. VAT)
Tier 1 Investor	From £15,000.00 plus VAT (£18,000.00 Inc. VAT)
Tier 2 Skilled Workers	From £2,000.00 plus VAT (£2,400.00 Inc. VAT)
Tier 4 New Point System for Students	From £1,500.00 plus VAT (£1,800.00 Inc. VAT)
Immigration Appeal	£250.00 plus VAT (£300.00 Inc. VAT) per hour
Sponsor Licence Application	From £1,200.00 plus VAT (£1,440.00 Inc. VAT)
Sponsor Letter ( <i>per letter</i> )	£250.00 plus VAT (£300.00 Inc. VAT)
Applications for leave to remain outside the immigration rules	From £2,000.00 plus VAT (£2,400.00 Inc. VAT)
Applications for indefinite leave to remain	From £2,000.00 plus VAT (£2,400.00 Inc. VAT)
Applications for leave to remain under the family or private life route	From £1,500.00 plus VAT (£1,800.00 Inc. VAT)
Applications for retained rights of residence	From £1,500.00 plus VAT (£1,800.00 Inc. VAT)
Applications for permanent right of residence	From £1,200 plus VAT (£1,440.00 Inc. VAT)

We will charge the sum of £35.00 plus VAT (a total of £42.00 Inc. VAT) for electronic money transfers and £35.00 plus VAT (a total of £42.00 Inc. VAT) for archive fee when the matter is completed

If at any stage our fees change, we will notify you and discuss the reason for any changes. This would typically occur if you change your instructions or your case involves an unforeseen complexity.

Our average fees assume that:

- a. The transaction is concluded in a timely manner and no unforeseen complication arise.
- b. All parties to the transaction are co-operative and there is no unreasonable delay from any parties providing documentation.

### **Disbursements and Other Costs**

Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as visa fees. You will pay these directly to the Home Office. Typical disbursement costs may include:

- Court representation at Case Management Review Hearings, First Tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal will be chargeable at counsel’s rate. If Counsel is required to be instructed a quotation for their services will be obtained from them and discussed with you before they are instructed to ensure you are fully aware of the fees that will be charged. However, we have given examples of costs below:
  - The fees of a barrister vary depending on the experience of the advocate and their expertise. In our experience, the initial fee for a barrister and the first day of the

hearing (known as the brief fee) will be in the region of £1,000 - £3,000 plus VAT (£1200 – £3600 Inc. VAT). Each subsequent day would be an additional £500 - £1,500 plus VAT (£600 - £1800 Inc. VAT).

- If you want a very experienced barrister then the cost is likely to be more. You may also incur additional charges such as travel costs for us to attend meetings and hearings.
- Where an interpreter is required, you will be responsible for the costs at the interpreter's hourly rate.
- IHS Surcharge – additional fee levied by the Home Office to pay for the NHS and currently charged at £400 per person per year.

Further to our fees stated above, you will also be responsible for the Home Office Fees, which vary depending on your application. You will pay these to the Home Office directly as part of the application process: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/visa-regulations-revised-table>

The costs quoted for our fees do not include:

- Home Office immigration health surcharge
- Where the Home Office refuse your application, any advice and assistance in relation to any appeal or further application.
- Applications for Dependants such as partner or child under 18
- Costs for English language tests, Tuberculosis tests, criminal record certificates, biometrics.
- Attendance at a Home Office interview: Interviews are rare in most categories, if the Home Office ask you to attend an interview, we can give you clear advice (and discuss the possibility of us attending with you) at the appropriate time. We can give you an additional quote for this, if required.

### **How long will my matter take?**

Provided all the relevant documents in a timely manner, we should be able to submit your application in 2-4 weeks. We cannot guarantee how long the Home Office will take to process your application. This is just an estimate, and we will of course be able to give you a more accurate timescale once we have more information and as the matter progresses. Details of current processing times can be found here: <https://visa-processingtimes.homeoffice.gov.uk/>

There are vastly different processing times depending on the application you are making and we can advise you in detail once instructed.

We ask clients to instruct us at least 2-6 months before their intended visa start date, or expiry date of their current visa to ensure they have enough time to qualify under time sensitive requirements in relation to financial evidence and prepare complex documents adequately.

### **Questions**

If you have any questions relating to our services and our fees, please contact us on 0121 3270118 or email us at [solicitors@loyntonlaw.co.uk](mailto:solicitors@loyntonlaw.co.uk)