

Solomon Taylor & Shaw - Pricing Information

IMMIGRATION

This document sets out the pricing guidance for UK immigration applications. Please note that Solomon Taylor & Shaw (“STS”) do not offer advice regarding asylum applications.

STS advises on a broad range of immigration issues. This document provides the information required by the SRA Transparency Rules in relation to the preparation and submission of immigration applications (excluding asylum) and/or 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). For details of the broader services we provide, including services to companies wishing to sponsor migrants, please contact [Matthew Cranton](#). We are committed to price transparency in all our work and for all instructions we will endeavour to provide estimates at the outset based on the specific circumstances of the matter.

Fees

The legal fees for our assistance with immigration applications vary based on the particular application or appeal being made and any complicating factors in the applicant’s circumstances or documents (or lack of such documents). The estimates below are based on straightforward cases in which all documents required under the applicable immigration rules are available (a “Standard Immigration application”). Where we are instructed in relation to a Standard Immigration Application our typical fees for an initial application will be in the range of £900 to £4,000 (per applicant), and for a First-tier Tribunal appeal will generally be in the range of £5,000 to £25,000.

Our indicative fees for the more common applications are as follows:

Naturalisation to become a British citizen	£2,000 – £3,500
Registration of a child as a British citizen	£1,000 – £2,000
EEA Registration Certificate or Residence Card	£750 - £1,500
EEA Permanent Residence	£1,000 - £2,000
Tier 1 (Investor)	£4,000 - £6,000
Tier 1 (Entrepreneur)	£2,400 – £3,500
Tier 2 (General) – Sponsor worker visa	£1,250 – £2,000
Tier 4 (General) – Student visa	£1,250 – £2,000
Points Based System Dependant	£700 - £2,500

Partner or Fiancé visa	£2,250 - £3,500
Visit visa	£500 - £1,000

The fee ranges above relate to an initial application only and assume that:

- this is a standard application and that no unforeseen matters arise, including for example (but not limited to) the amount of supporting evidence that we need to consider or any missing documentation;
- the applicant has no adverse immigration history (such as previous breaches of immigration rules) or criminal record which may affect the application;
- the matter is concluded in a timely manner and no unforeseen complication arise; and
- all parties to the application (including any dependents) are co-operative and there is no unreasonable delay from you or any third parties.

Such issues may have a significant impact on cost.

The above fee ranges are based on an hourly rate of £290.

The fee ranges and hourly rate do not include VAT (currently at 20%) which will be added to the invoice, nor do they include any associated disbursements (see below).

Please note, the anticipated fees are an estimate based on the assumptions 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. Fixed fees are available on a case by case basis. Factors that may result in a case being considered more complex may include (but are not limited to):

- the amount of communication (phone calls, emails etc) and other correspondence received from you or others involved in your application being excessive;
- information not being provided to us promptly and/or is incomplete and inaccurate;
- requested documents being provided to us piecemeal rather than as one set;
- requested documents not being made available within a reasonable period;
- collections of documents not being set out in an ordered manner by reference to any application;
- documents or information not being in line with checklists we provide;
- documents requiring multiple changes; and
- third party organisations (such as accountants, banks, translators or employers) failing to provide us with information and documentation in a timely and logical manner.

Please note that unless we agree an alternative fee arrangement (such as no win, no fee) in respect of an appeal, our fees will be payable regardless of the outcome.

Key stages

The fee ranges above are intended to cover the work required in relation to the key stages of an immigration application and/or appeal, which may include:

- discussing your circumstances in detail and confirming the most appropriate application for you to make and any other options that may be available to you;
- giving you advice about the requirements of the law and whether you meet the criteria;
- considering your supporting documents (provided they are provided in one set);
- preparing your application and submitting it on your behalf;
- giving you advice about the outcome of the application and any further steps you may need to take;
- preparing your grounds of appeal;
- taking witness statements, drafting statements and agreeing their content with witnesses;
- preparing the bundle of documents for the hearing; and
- preparation and attendance at the Appeal Hearing, including instructions to Counsel.

The stages set out above are an indication of the process where the application and/or appeal is relatively straightforward. If there are complex factors or (for an appeal) multiple witnesses, fees may increase, or if some of the stages are not required, fees may decrease. We will be able to give you a more accurate assessment of costs and time when we have been able to assess your individual case and documentation. We will endeavour to provide information regarding the costs of any particular stage of an appeal as the matter progresses.

How long will the matter take?

The time that it takes from taking initial instructions to issuing your application will depend on the complexity of your case and the documents involved. The timing of your application may also be dependent on your circumstances, intended travel and/or the expiry date of your existing leave to remain in the UK. We cannot guarantee how long the Home Office will take to process your application. The Home Office's current processing times are available here: <https://www.gov.uk/visa-processing-times> but please note that these processing times are indicative only and the Home Office will not guarantee that your application will be determined within these timeframes.

Disbursements

Disbursements are costs related to the claim that are payable to third parties, such as Home Office fees, counsel's fees, courier costs, travel costs, etc. and do not make up our legal fees. We usually process

the payment of such disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process, but may require you to put us into funds in order to do so.

Disbursements will vary from matter to matter, but for a typical visa application or appeal we would expect to see some (or all) of the following disbursements:

- Home Office fees (including Immigration Health Surcharges);
- Added Value Service fees (such as fees for same day decisions or a VIP service);
- ID checks;
- photocopying;
- counsel's fees; and
- costs of travel to and from hearings or offsite meetings.

The Team

Your matter will be handled by STS's Employment & Immigration team. If you instruct us we will provide you with the names of individual lawyers who will be acting on your matter, including the partner responsible for overall supervision. You can find information about the people who work in our Employment & Immigration team [here](#).

For a more accurate quote or to discuss instructing us please contact Matthew Cranton, Partner and Head of the Employment & Immigration team on 0207 317 8677 or via email matthew@solts.co.uk.

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