

The Immigration department is led by Sejal Karavadra. She is a consultant Solicitor- Advocate specialising in Immigration, asylum and nationality work. She qualified as a Solicitor in June 2008 and she has over 14 years of experience in this area of law and has previously worked for the Home Office. Together with the team, she will be able to guide you through the process and offer you the most effective solutions

## **Fees**

The fee information provided is based on our experience and will give you an idea of the likely costs. We charge fixed fees which depend on the type of application that you make. Disbursements are the costs related to your matter that are paid to third parties such as the Home Office fee, which are paid in addition to our legal fees.

We will confirm whether VAT (at a rate of 20%) is payable when we are instructed and able to assess if VAT is properly chargeable

## **How our fixed fees are calculated**

The fixed fee we charge will be based 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
- the level of support and assistance you require
- whether there are any complicating factors in your case (such as previous immigration refusals, or you instruct us when your permission to be in the UK is about to expire or has already expired).

## **Who will carry out the work**

- Solicitor assisted by a paralegal
- All work is supervised by a Director

## **Fee's for applications**

- Application for Entry Clearance as a family member of a person present and settled in the UK - £1000-£1250 plus VAT and disbursements (Home Office fee £1523, Immigration Health Surcharge £1872)

- Applications for leave to remain in the UK as family member of a person present and settled in the UK - £1000-£1500 plus VAT and disbursements (Home Office fee £1033, Immigration Health Surcharge £1560, Biometric enrolment £19.20)
- Extension of leave to remain in the UK– £1250-£1500 plus VAT and disbursements (Home Office fee £1033, Immigration Health Surcharge £1560, Biometric enrolment £19.20)
- EEA Applications (applications under EUSS) - £900-£1250 plus VAT
- Application for Entry Clearance as a visitor - £750 plus VAT and disbursements (Home Office fee £95-£822)
- Applications under the Points Based System (work and study routes) - £1250- £1500 plus VAT and disbursements (Application fee and immigration health surcharge varies based on route applied for)
- Applications for Indefinite Leave to Remain (including 10 years long residence) - £1500 plus VAT and disbursements (Home Office fee £2389)
- Applications based on Human Rights (This includes 20 years long residence, half of a person's life in the UK, 7 years continuous residence by a child, lost ties with country of origin)- £1000-1500 plus VAT and disbursements (Home Office fee £1033, Immigration Health Surcharge £1560, Biometric enrolment £19.20)
- Applications for discretionary leave to remain in the UK - £1000-£1500 plus VAT and disbursements (Home Office fee £1033, Immigration Health Surcharge £1560, Biometric enrolment £19.20)
- Application for British Citizenship – £750 plus VAT and disbursements (Home Office Fee £1012-1330)

The range in price will depend in the complexity of your matter which will be discussed with you. The range in the disbursements will depend on the route you have chosen to apply under.

Applications for more than one individual will be charged at an extra 50% per additional person.

**What services are included:**

- Initial attendance and consideration of options and timeline
- Assessing the most appropriate application based on individual circumstances and discussing the options that are available to you

- Advising on the requirements of the Immigration Rules and the documents that will be required
- Within 2 weeks of receiving the evidence we will assess and advise on the evidence. Where necessary requesting further evidence supporting evidence and assisting you to obtain this
- Preparing the application and submitting it for your approval before submitting the application on your behalf taking into account the deadlines
- Providing updates on the progress of your matter
- Advising on the outcome of the application
- Advising on next steps that may need to be taken.
- Discussing with you if an expert is required in your case and advising you in relation to the additional fees to instruct the expert.
- Should any complication arise, we will discuss them with you and agree a fee for any additional work before it is carried out.

#### **What is not included in the fee's above**

- Home Office fees – these are paid directly as a part of the application process
- Barristers fee – this will depend on the type of application that is being made. On average the barrister fee can vary between £350- £1000. (This may attract VAT depending on your residence status in the UK)
- Other expenses where applicable such as disbursements for medical/expert evidence. These are not required in many cases but we will advise you as soon as possible if we consider an experts report is necessary. If required, a report from an independent expert costs between £500 - £2,000 plus VAT
- If the Home Office refuse the application- any advice or assistance in relation to an appeal or new application
- Postage – We send applications to the Home Office and documents to yourself by special delivery. There is an additional cost for this which will be dependent of the weight of the documents. We can advise you of the cost at the time that the documents are being sent.
- If there is an interview and we do attend with you there will be additional disbursements in respect of our mileage/travel expenses. This cost will range from £30 to £150.

#### **Timescales**

Once we have received the documents that are required, we will assess these and advise you accordingly within 2 weeks. We aim to submit applications within 6-8 weeks from instructions depending on the complexity of the matter and taking into account any deadlines.

We cannot confirm how long the Home Office will take to process the application. Generally in country immigration applications can take between 4-6 months to process but this depends on how busy the Home Office are. Generally Entry Clearance applications can take between 1-4 months but this depends on how busy the Home Office is

We will inform you if we are made aware of increased timescales by the Home Office

### **Fees for Court work**

- Judicial Review - £3000-£4000 plus VAT and disbursements ( Court fees will depend on which stage the matter is at)
- Immigration Appeals to First Tier Tribunal (lodging grounds of appeal, preparing the case and advocacy at the tribunal)- £1000-£1800 plus VAT and disbursements ( Court fee £140)
- Immigration Appeals to Upper Tribunal (lodging grounds of appeal, preparing the case and advocacy at the tribunal) – £1500- £2500 plus VAT and disbursements

The range in price will depend in the complexity of your matter which will be discussed with you prior to the commencement of any work.

### **What services are included:**

- Initial attendance and consideration of options
- Assessing the most appropriate options based on individual circumstances
- Advising on the requirements of the Immigration Rules and the documents that will be required
- Assessing and advising on the evidence. Where necessary requesting further evidence supporting evidence and assisting you to obtain this
- Drafting and submitting appeal grounds
- Preparing the appeal
- Providing updates on the progress
- Advising on the outcome of the appeal
- Advising on next steps

### **What is not included in the fee's above**

- Any Court fees – these are paid directly as a part of the appeal process
- Barristers fee – this will depend on the type of application that is being made. On average the barrister fee can vary between £350- £1000 (at each stage). This may attract VAT depending on your residence status in the UK

- Other expenses where applicable such as disbursements for medical/expert evidence. They are not required in many cases but we will advise you as soon as possible if we consider an expert's report is necessary. If required, a report from an independent expert costs between £500 - £2,000 plus VAT
- If the Court refuse the appeal- any advice or assistance in relation to a further appeal or new application
- Postage - We send documents to the Home Office, Court and to yourself by special delivery. There is an additional cost for this which will be dependent of the weight of the documents. We can advise you of the cost at the time that the documents are being sent.
- If we do attend Court with you there will be additional disbursements in respect of our mileage/travel expenses. This cost will range from £30 to £150.

### **Timescales**

We submit appeals within the deadlines published by the Courts

We cannot confirm how long the Courts will take to process appeal. Generally immigration appeals can take between 3-6 months to process but this depends on how busy the Court are.

We will inform you if we are made aware of increased timescales by the Home Office