

IMMIGRATION

OUR APPROACH TO PRICING

What immigration services do we offer to individuals?

We understand that choosing the right UK immigration route can feel complex and, at times, daunting. Our specialist immigration team provides clear, practical and tailored advice to help individuals and families understand their options, prepare strong applications and manage the process with confidence. We advise on a wide range of visa applications, visa extensions, switching applications, indefinite leave to remain and British citizenship.

As a full-service law firm, we can also work closely with our private wealth, family, employment, corporate, tax and real estate teams where wider advice is needed. This means that, where appropriate, we can support not only with the immigration application itself, but also with connected issues such as relocating to the UK, buying property, structuring finances and investments, tax planning and setting up or expanding a business.

Who would do the work and how is it supervised?

Our immigration team is led by Partner, [Lynsey Blyth](#). Lynsey has over 15 years of experience dealing with complex immigration and citizenship applications. Working with Lynsey, we have a dedicated team of skilled and experienced immigration lawyers who will ensure that you receive clear, detailed, and expedient advice and support.

Each matter will be supervised by a Partner in the Firm. The Partner is responsible for the proper supervision of the lawyers and other staff involved in the matter. Our Partners are hands-on and involved in day-to-day work and supervision, as well as being key account managers. The other members of the immigration team will assist the Partner, where appropriate.

Further details of the lawyers within the immigration team and their experience can be found [HERE](#).

How much will it cost?

No immigration matter is exactly the same. The fees below are intended to give you a transparent guide to the likely cost of common individual immigration applications. They are not fixed fees and do not replace a matter-specific quote. Before we begin work, we will discuss your circumstances, the likely complexity of the application, the scope of our work and the anticipated cost.

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Our costs are generally calculated by reference to the time spent by the solicitor or legal adviser dealing with your application. As at May 2026, Michelmores' Immigration teams' standard hourly rates range from £215 to £670 (£258 to £804 including VAT, if applicable), with different types and complexities of work being dealt with at different rates and levels of seniority.

What are our typical fees?

We will always give you an individual cost estimate at the start of the transaction, taking into account the specific features of your instruction or 'matter'. However, example fees for advising you and representing you on some of the most common UK immigration applications are as follows:

The figures in the table exclude VAT and Home Office fees, Immigration Health Surcharge payments and other third-party costs. We will explain these separately where they are relevant to your application.

APPLICATION	COST (EXCLUDING VAT)
Tier 1 Investor Extension	£10,000 - £15,000
Innovator Founder	£4,000 - £15,000
Global Talent	£3,750 - £15,000
Graduate	£2,500 - £4,000
Skilled Worker	£2,500 - £5,000
Global Business Mobility	£2,500 - £7,500
Temporary workers – all categories	£2,500 - £5,500
EUSS applications	£2,500 - £7,500
Partner of person present and settled in the UK (including Spouse visa)	£3,000 - £8,000
Dependant relative	£5,500 - £11,000
Visitor (including business)	£1,500 - £7,500

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APPLICATION	COST (EXCLUDING VAT)
Domestic Worker	£3,000 - £8,000
UK Ancestry	£2,000 - £5,000
Settlement in the UK (non-Points Based System)	£3,000 - £10,000
Indefinite Leave to Remain (Points Based System)	£2,500 - £10,000
Applications for British citizenship	£2,500 - £10,000
UK passport application	£1,000 - £3,000
Dependants applying at same time as main applicant (and included in same application form)	£1,000 – £2,000 (per dependant)

Most of the example fees above assume a straightforward application. In particular, they are based on the following assumptions:

- It is an application for an initial grant (other than Tier 1 Investor Extension). We will provide separate fee estimates for extension applications;
- You are applying as an individual with no dependants;
- The supporting evidence requested is provided in a timely manner;
- You meet the requirements of the visa category;
- You do not have an adverse immigration history or any civil or criminal convictions, or pending convictions;
- There is no time urgency or discretionary elements to your application;
- The application is not fast-tracked as a priority or super priority service; and
- There are no appeals to follow.

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What our fees usually include

If you choose to work with us, we will provide specific details of the anticipated costs, the individuals who will work on your matter and the scope of work we will undertake. The typical scope of our work includes:

- Obtaining information in relation to your particular circumstances and advising on the UK immigration options available to you;
- Providing you with detailed advice about the requirements of the relevant category and whether you meet the criteria;
- If you do not fulfil certain requirements, whether this can be overcome by providing alternative supporting evidence;
- Providing detailed advice on the procedure for submitting the relevant application;
- Providing advice on the timelines and likely outcome;
- Preparing your application and submitting it on your behalf;
- Liaising with Home Office officials on your behalf where necessary; and
- Providing post-decision advice in the form of a completion letter.

What is not included in the quoted fees?

Unless we agree otherwise in writing, the quoted fees do not include:

- Home Office or UKVI application fees;
- Immigration Health Surcharge payments;
- biometric appointment fees or priority service fees;
- translation costs, expert reports, ECCTIS reports or other third-party costs;
- courier, travel or other out-of-pocket expenses;
- appeals, administrative reviews, judicial reviews or other work to challenge a refusal decision; or
- additional urgent or premium work unless this has been agreed with you in advance.

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What will affect the cost of our work?

Every application is different and the exact amount of work involved will depend on the facts, complexity, urgency and level of support required. More complex or urgent matters may be charged at the higher end of the example fees listed above, and in some cases may exceed those fees. If that applies, we will discuss this with you and provide updated costs information in advance wherever possible. Factors that can make an application more complex include:

- The time taken to assist with the matter;
- The urgency of the matter;
- The level of correspondence involved;
- If the applicant does not meet the eligibility or suitability criteria for the visa;
- If the applicant's (or any dependant's) circumstances change during the application process;
- If the applicant (or any dependant) has an adverse immigration history or criminal record;
- The addition of dependants to any application;
- The amount and quality of supporting documentation;
- If that supporting evidence is not provided in a timely manner or all at the same time;
- The likely level of engagement with the Home Office; and
- The need to engage and liaise with third parties.

For additional work outside of any agreed fees, we would provide a quote based on our standard hourly rates. The costs quoted here are based on our standard hourly rates for those individuals who work on these types of matters.

In addition to our legal fees, there may be additional costs payable to third parties. These are known as disbursements. Disbursements are payments made to others on your behalf in connection with your matter.

VAT, if applicable, will also be charged on our fees and usually on disbursements (other than official fees).

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Examples of disbursements include:

- Translation costs;
- Independent expert reports; and
- ECCTIS reports.

If we are required to travel to meetings outside of our offices, we may charge you for the time it takes us to travel to these meetings, and the cost of any other expenses we incur as part of this, for example mileage charges (at government approved rates), or train or airplane tickets.

You will be responsible for these items, and we will notify you should these costs be incurred.

We charge an administration fee for undertaking identity checks on our clients. This fee is:

- £12 (plus VAT) for each individual client, £30 (plus VAT) for each UK corporate client; and
- £100 (plus VAT) for each overseas corporate client.

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What other costs may be incurred?

Our fees do not include official fees and charges payable as part of the visa application process, such as Home Office fees, Immigration Health Surcharge payments or biometric appointment fees.

You can view the complete range of official fees on the Home Office visa fees page. You can also view our Interest Policy using the link provided on our website.

Examples of additional costs that will need to be paid as part of the process which come under the category of disbursements are set out below.

DISBURSEMENT	COST (EXCLUDING VAT)	COST (INCLUDING VAT, IF ANY)
Telegraphic Transfer Fee	£40.00	£48.00
Printing/Copying (per A4 page)	£0.09 (B&W)	£0.11 (B&W)
	£0.49 (Colour)	£0.59 (Colour)

Is VAT applicable?

VAT, if applicable, is charged at the prevailing rate (which is currently 20%) on all our fees, and on many of the disbursements (other than official fees), which we may incur on your behalf.

How long will it take to prepare?

In our experience, applications take approximately 1-4 weeks to prepare, depending on complexity. However, where all of the necessary documents are provided and you meet the visa requirements, applications can be prepared within 24 hours at a premium.

Home Office processing times for applications vary depending on the type of application, the complexity of the application and where the application is submitted. Average processing times for applications made outside the UK and inside the UK are published on the Home Office website.

What happens if you are not happy about our work or about your bill?

We are committed to providing a high-quality legal service to all our clients. When something goes wrong, we need you to tell us about it. This will help us to improve our standards. However, if you have any complaint or concerns about our work or about the bill, see our complaints procedure [HERE](#).