

## Hudson McKenzie Fee information for private individuals

This fee information sheet is intended for private individuals only for immigration and nationality matters. These fees do not apply to work undertaken by the firm for corporate clients.

The firm typically charges an agreed fee for the majority of immigration applications. Where we act on this basis, our fee is based on what we consider reasonable taking into account the time that will likely be required to complete the matter based on our hourly rates, level of expertise involved, the urgency of the matter and the circumstances of your case, such as:

- The amount of supporting evidence we need to consider.
- Whether you are applying with dependents.
- The overall complexity of the case (e.g. whether you qualify under the Immigration Rules or we need to make a discretionary application, previous immigration history, any criminal convictions etc.)

If you are able to provide sufficient evidence at our first meeting, clearly meet the applicable Immigration Rules, and the application proceeds without any unforeseen complications, then the cost for a single applicant is likely to be in the region of the fees specified in the table below.

If the circumstances of your application are more complex – and/or there are unforeseen complications – then the cost may well exceed the fees specified in the table. Any such additional costs will depend on the time spent at the applicable hourly rates.

In accordance with the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) guidance on price transparency, we have published our price and service information where it is possible to be upfront about charges without knowing all the details of the matter.

The key members of the team working with private individuals are:

- Rahul Batra- Managing Partner
- Kay Bains- Partner
- Nira Segaran- Senior Manager
- Vaida Lukaite- Solicitor
- Julian Wells- Consultant

These rates are subject to annual review.

- Managing Partner- £750
- Partners - £500 - £550
- Senior Associates - £400-£450
- Associates - £300-£350
- Immigration Managers - £350-400

- Trainee Solicitors - £250
- Paralegals - £200

As each matter will involve work by a Partner, an associate or senior associate and a paralegal/legal assistant/trainee solicitor, the estimate of hours is based on an average hourly rate of £400 to reflect the involvement of lawyers at different levels.

## VAT

VAT at ongoing rate (presently 20%) is chargeable additionally if you are based in the UK. If you are based out of the UK, VAT will not be charged.

## Visa Fees

The costs quoted here do not include:

- Any [Home Office fees](#) for making the application. You will pay this to the Home Office directly as part of the application process.
- Where the Home Office refuse your application, advice and assistance in relation to any appeal.

Your matter will always be supervised by a partner. Work will be completed by lawyers of varying experience. The estimated fee quotes are premised on the work being completed by lawyers across a range of levels, with time estimates using an average hourly rate to reflect the involvement of different lawyers. The time spent by lawyers at different levels will vary depending on a number of factors including the complexity and nature of the matter. The quotes assume that each stage of the work is conducted by an appropriate level of lawyer, if client preference dictates work be completed at a higher level, this will of course impact fee estimates.

The estimates set out here have been provided to give a range of likely fees for standard applications. Once we have further information about your personal circumstances and the nature of the assistance you require, we may be able to agree a fixed fee. Your fee estimate or fixed fee would be agreed upon prior to us formalizing our engagement with you.

The below fee quotes relate to work undertaken for individuals and are intended to provide an overview of some of the most common application types.

This fee quote assumes you meet the requirements of the Immigration Rules, EEA Regulations or British Nationality Act 1981 (as applicable) without requiring discretion to be exercised. It also assumes there are no other factors which make the application more complex such as a criminal record or a history of non-compliance with UK immigration.

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

- The complexity of the legal issues involved.
- The urgency of the matter.

- The level of documentation available and any issues in obtaining this.
- Where the application is being made and any particular additional services you wish to use.
- Whether the application is an initial one, an extension or an application for indefinite leave to remain.
- Whether there are any dependents and their personal circumstances.
- The nature and number of any required supporting statements.
- If we are required to liaise with third parties such as accountants or financial institutions.
- If Counsel is required to provide written advice and/or to represent you as part of an appeal process.
- The number of tribunal appearances required.

### What services are included?

The work will involve:

- Taking full instructions from you in order to provide initial assessment, advice on the key requirements and how these apply to your circumstances.
- Providing a comprehensive list of documents and information to be provided, providing templates where appropriate.
- Reviewing and collating supporting documents.
- Liaising with third parties where required to obtain additional evidence.
- Preparing the relevant application forms, submitting these on your behalf and booking any necessary appointments.
- Drafting a comprehensive covering letter in support of your application.
- Advising on the application submission options and procedure and advising on likely time frames.
- Advising you on the outcome of the application and explaining your new immigration or nationality status, including information about how to remain compliant with your visa conditions and the eligibility criteria for extensions and indefinite leave to remain.

Type of Application	Anticipated number of hours	GBP (price range)
Applications to become British Citizen under the British Nationality Act 1981	5-10 hours	2,000- 4,000
Applications on behalf of European Economic Area (EEA) nationals and their family members under the applicable EEA Regulations or Immigration Rules, including applications for permanent residence, residence cards and registration certificates.		2,000- 6,000
Applications under Points-Based system		2,000-15,000
Visitor visas including Business Visit visas		2,000-6,000

Leave to enter or remain under Appendix FM of the Immigration Rules		4,000-8,000
Ancestry visas		2,500-5,000
Other categories, such as applications on the basis of long residence		4,000-8,000
Appeals		6,000-15,000

Please note the anticipated number of hours and fees are an estimate. 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. The fees quoted above do not include any disbursements related to your matter. Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as visa fees and any out-of-pocket costs.

### **Processing times**

The processing times for your application will vary depending on the application service you select and where the application is being made. We cannot guarantee how long the Home Office will take to process your application, but we can provide further information on the application options and likely time frames as part of the advice we will provide to you.