



Personal Immigration

Our Team

Torque Law is a specialist employment and business immigration law firm, solely providing employment and business immigration law advice to employers and individuals.

Your matter will be handled by a qualified solicitor specialising in employment and business immigration law. Either Tiggy Clifford or Emma Whiting, both Partners of the firm, will have responsibility for supervision of your matter. For more details of the team, their qualifications and experience, please click [here](#).

Our Fees

You can be reassured by our promise to deliver quality advice without any nasty surprises on fees.

We set in Schedule 1 below the typical fees we charge for each type of application. As you will appreciate every application and every individual's circumstances are different and, as such, we may need to revise any fee estimate given to you once we have more information about the specifics of your matter.

Fees quoted in individual cases might be higher or lower than the fees quoted below. Factors likely to lead to a higher or lower fixed fee in particular cases are set out in relation to each type of application.

We charge our fees based on the time we spend advising you and preparing your application; the amount of time we spend advising individuals varies depending on the particular circumstances, such as:

- the amount of supporting evidence that we need to consider;
- whether your supporting evidence is readily available;
- the level of support and advice that you require;
- whether there are any aspects of your application which are complex, for example, there is a short timeframe before expiry of your current leave to remain / your leave to remain has already expired, you have had a previous application refused, your application is complicated, for example, by previous criminal convictions or breaches of immigration law;
- which language you speak;
- whether you require advice in relation to an application for dependants.

Fees are based on our hourly rates which vary depending on the level and seniority of the lawyer doing the work. The hourly rates charged for the qualified solicitors in our Immigration team range from £260 plus VAT to £300 plus VAT.

We will confirm whether VAT (at a rate of 20%) is payable when we are instructed.



Circumstances where we might need to revise our fee estimate

On some rare occasions we may need to revise our fee estimate or fixed fee after starting work on your matter. Circumstances in which this might occur include (but is not limited to) where:

- the Home Office raise queries regarding your application after it has been submitted which require detailed representations or additional evidence to be submitted;
- you are invited or required to attend a Home Office interview and you want us to attend that interview with you and/or we need to prepare additional representations or evidence for presentation at that interview;
- the Home Office refuses your application, and you require advice and assistance in relation to any appeal or review.

What's included in our fees?

The services that we provide to you in respect of your application will include:

- discussing in detail your circumstances and the application that you wish to make. Considering your circumstances, we will discuss with you whether the application you wish to make is appropriate and, if not, other options that might be available to you;
- advice to you about whether you are eligible to make the particular application and whether you meet the criteria of the relevant Immigration Rules. If you do not meet the requirements, we will advise you about whether this can be overcome;
- advice to you about the relevant timeline of your application;
- considering all of your documents in support of your application and advising you about their suitability;
- where necessary, helping you obtain further evidence (such as medical records and bank statements), including taking statements of any witnesses;
- preparing your application and advice to you about submitting your application / submitting your application on your behalf;
- advice to you about the outcome of your application and, if necessary, what further steps you need to take.



What's not included in our fees?

- Any Home Office fees for making the application. You will pay this to the Home Office directly as part of the application process. Here you can find the [Home Office application fees](#) and [information about the Immigration Health Surcharge](#), including who needs to pay and how much it costs. Visa application centre fees vary depending on the time and location of the application and can range between £0 and £300 per applicant.
- Disbursements (see below); and
- Where the Home Office refuse your application, advice and assistance in relation to any appeal.

Disbursements (which are not included in our fee estimates)

Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as visa fees. You will be required to pay any disbursements directly; we are unable to handle the payment of any disbursements on your behalf. Disbursements may include:

- Interpreters' fees (if required): Interpreters fees are likely to be around £30 - £100 plus VAT per hour.
- Independent expert reports e.g. medical experts. These are not required in many cases: we will let you know as soon as possible if we consider an expert report is necessary.
- If there is an interview and we do attend with you, there will be additional disbursements in respect of our mileage/travel expenses.

How long will the application take?

On average, in a standard Immigration Application, we will normally be able to submit these type of applications within four weeks of you instructing us, but we will let you know at the earliest opportunity if it is likely to take longer than this.

We cannot guarantee how long the Home Office will take to process your application. Here, you can find the [current processing times](#).

If you have any question please contact Emma Cousins, Senior Associate on 01904 437 686 or email emma.cousins@torquelaw.co.uk

“The quality and responsiveness of the advice was what I'd have expected from a national firm, but I'm pleased to say that it came with a Yorkshire price tag!”

Nick Rust, CEO, British Horseracing Authority



Schedule 1 - Visa Application Fees

Skilled Worker, Global Business Mobility, UK Expansion Worker, Sports person and Minister of Religion Visa, Extension of Stay and Settlement applications

Typical Fee Estimate: £1,500 to £2,500 plus VAT (£1,800 to £3,000 inc. VAT).

We will confirm whether VAT (at a rate of 20%) is payable when we are instructed.

Your fees will be based on the circumstances of your case.

This fee estimate assumes that you have already been assigned a Certificate of Sponsorship by a licensed sponsor. If any family members need to apply at the same time as you then we would expect this to increase the fee estimate by £500 to £750 plus VAT per family member.

The estimated fee may be higher if:

- you have a complex immigration or criminal history; and / or
- you will be accompanied by any dependent children who are over the age of 16.

British Citizenship (naturalisation, registration and advice on acquisition)

Typical Fee Estimate: £1,500 to £2,500 plus VAT (£1,800 to 3,000 inc. VAT).

We will confirm whether VAT (at a rate of 20%) is payable when we are instructed.

Your fees will be based on the circumstances of your case.

If any family members are applying at the same time as you then we would expect this to increase the fee estimate by £500 to £750 plus VAT per family member.

The estimated fee may be higher if:

- you have high number of absences from the UK over the five year period prior to your application;
- you have a complicated immigration history; and / or
- there are circumstances which might call into question your good character.

The estimated fee may be lower if all the required supporting documents are readily available.