

Our Charges

Our charges are made up of our fees for the legal work and 'disbursements'. Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to other people, such as barrister's fees. We sometimes handle the payment of the disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process.

Where VAT is referred to below, please note that this will be charged at the applicable rate, which is currently set at 20%.

Your case will be handled by a trusted member of our experienced litigation team. We have qualified solicitors in the team as well as experienced paralegals who specialise in the particular area of law. Once we know who will be handling your case, we will introduce you to them and provide you with full details of their background and qualifications.

Regardless of who is working on your case the matter, will be supervised by either Balaal Hussain Khan (PQE: 12 years) or Rabina Ditta (PQE: 11 years).

Our solicitors generally work on a fixed fee hourly basis and their hourly rates, unless there is an alternative funding agreement in place are set out below:

Legal Role.	Hourly Rate
Solicitor with more than 8 years' PQE	£250.00 (plus VAT)
Solicitor with more than 4 years' PQE	£200.00 (plus VAT)
Solicitor with less than 4 years' PQE or Accredited Immigration Caseworker	£150.00 (plus VAT)
Trainee Solicitor / Paralegal	£125.00 (plus VAT)

Immigration Cases

The immigration cases at this firm are dealt with by the following persons:

- 1. Rabina Ditta;
- 2. Haroon Umer;
- 3. Kiran Jabeen;
- 4. Madeeha Mahmood;
- 5. Abdul Jabbaar Ahmed.

The profiles of the above staff members can be downloaded from the our team section of our website.

The immigration department conduct much of their work on an hourly rate basis. However, many clients prefer to fix their costs at the outset of a matter with fixed fees. Our fixed fees are based on our experience of the average amount of time it takes to complete a particular type of case. We have listed our hourly rates and fixed fees by case type below. The fixed fees detailed here are for an average case. If your case is unusual in nature or requires extra work, such as gathering unusual evidence from abroad, the fixed fees listed here may need to be altered before we agree to act for you.

Complex cases such as Asylum and Judicial Review vary in cost and we are unable to provide fixed costs for this type of case on this page. Should you require assistance with this type of case you should contact a member of the immigration team to discuss your case. Our lawyers will provide you with an estimate of likely costs and a quote for work done using fixed fees.

The costs detailed here do not include VAT or disbursements. Disbursements are expenses that we pay on your behalf including but not limited to Barrister's fees, experts' reports, travel expenses, Home Office fees and Court/Tribunal fees. We will only incur disbursements on your behalf with your consent.

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The following types of applications are covered by the rules:

Applications for naturalisation or registration under the British Nationality Act 1981

Naturalisation	£800 (plus VAT)
Registration of a Minor (Entitlement)	£800 (plus VAT)
Registration of a Minor (Discretionary)	£800 (plus VAT)
Nationality Review	£800 (plus VAT)
Overseas British Passport Applications	£1000 (plus VAT)

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

EEA Registration Certificate	£500 (plus VAT)
EEA Family Member – Residence Card Application	£1000 (plus VAT)
EEA Extended Family Member - Residence Card Application	£1000 (plus VAT)
EEA Permanent Residence Card Application	£1000 (plus VAT)
EEA Family Permit Application	£1000 (plus VAT)

Applications under the Immigration Rules, including:

Points	Based	Systen	n App	licat	ions –

Tier 1 (Entrepreneur), Tier 2 (Work Permit), Tier 4 (Student) & Tier 5 (Temp Worker)	£2000 (plus VAT)
Settlement-Protection Route – 5-year visa to ILR	£800 (plus VAT)
Extension of Discretionary Leave	£1000 (plus VAT)
Long Residence	£1200 (plus VAT)
Further Leave to Remain (FLR(FP) - Initial applications)	£1500 (plus VAT)
Applications Outside the Immigration Rules	£1200 (plus VAT)

Entry clearance Applications:

Spouse, Fiancé and Unmarried Partner.	£1200 (plus VAT)
Child Settlement.	£1500 (plus VAT)
Other Dependent Relative	£1500 (plus VAT)
Refugee Convention Travel Document/Certificate of Travel	£500 (plus VAT)

Appeals - First-tier Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber):

Grounds of Appeal	£500 (plus VAT)
Grounds for Permission to Appeal	£800 (plus VAT)
Home Office Visa Appeal	£1500 (plus VAT)
Human Rights Based Appeal	£1500 (plus VAT)
EEA Appeal	£1500 (plus VAT)
Deportation Appeal	£2500 (plus VAT)
Deportation related bail app	£700 (plus VAT)
Temporary Admission	£350 (plus VAT)

Asylum Applications and Judicial Review Please contact a member

of the immigration team to discuss your case

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VAT

Charging VAT for our immigration clients will depend on where the client lives and what immigration permission they have. We will obtain your individual details and advice whether or not VAT is payable by you at the time of instruction. If applicable VAT is currently chargeable at 20%

Interpreters

At our firm, we have staff members who can speak Urdu, Punjabi, Hindko, Hindi, Pashto and Chinese. If you speak one of these languages, the use of interpreters will only be required for court hearings. For any other language we will need to instruct interpreters the cost of which we will advise you if required. The usual cost is around £25 per hour for interpreters. This will attract VAT at the rate of 20%, if applicable as described above.

It is difficult to estimate Interpreters fees. The number of hours needed will vary on the complexities of the case. You are welcome to bring a friend or another community figure to come and help interpret. Clients are welcome to instruct their own interpreter.

What services are included

The work will involve:

- discussing your circumstances in detail and confirming whether this is the most appropriate application for you to make and what other options may be available to you;
- giving you advice about the requirements of the Immigration Rules and whether you meet the criteria.
- if you do not fulfil certain criteria, whether this can be overcome and how, which on average takes 2 hours;
- considering the supporting evidence you have provided, which we anticipate will take 1 to 10 hours*;
- where necessary, helping you obtain further evidence (such as medical records and bank statements), including taking statements of any witnesses;
- preparing your application and submitting it on your behalf, which we anticipate will take 3 hours;
- Attendance at a Home Office interview: if the Home Office ask you to attend an interview, we will give you clear advice (and discuss the possibility of us attending with you) at the appropriate time. This could be between 2 and 8 hours of work.
- giving you advice about the outcome of the application and any further steps you need to take.

*the amount of hours depends on the number of documents, whether they need to be translated, whether anything is missing and how long it will take to obtain the missing documents Disbursements (not included in costs set out above):

Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as visa fees. We handle the payment of the disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process.

- Interpreters' fees at approximately £25 per hour. We can provide a tailored estimate of the amount of hours that will be required, depending on the type of immigration application and the complexity of the case.
- 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.



The costs quoted here do not include:

- Any <u>Home Office fees</u> 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

How long will my application take?

We cannot guarantee how long the Home Office will take to process your application. Read the current processing times. We will normally be able to submit this type of application within two weeks of you instructing us, but we will let you know at the earliest opportunity if it is likely to take longer than this.

Please note the anticipated number of hours and fees are an estimate based on the facts 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.

If you would like to instruct us, please call us on 0800 999 247 2 to arrange a free initial consultation.

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