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1. Costs information for immigration representation at first tier tribunal

Your legal fees will depend upon type and complexity of the case that you have, and the expertise of the lawyer(s) handling your matter.

Typical costs from the taking of initial instructions up to and including the final appeal hearing stage, are:

Case type	Fees
Representation at First Tier Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) in relation to appeals against Home Office visa or immigration decisions excluding asylum appeals	£15,000 - £20,000

We charge based on an hourly rate which varies depending on the member of staff dealing with your matter. Our lowest hourly rate is £135 per hour (Paralegal) and our highest hourly rate is £520 per hour (Partner). The seniority of the members of staff dealing with your case will depend on its complexity. We will discuss this with you when you instruct us.

Please note that whilst these are typical costs, a more accurate costs estimate will be given once instructions are taken and a detailed assessment carried out.

These costs do not include disbursements (please see below) and exclude VAT.

2. Disbursements (not included in costs set out above)

Disbursements are costs relating to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as visa fees. As with our fees, the below disbursements exclude VAT. We have marked where VAT at 20% may be chargeable but we will confirm whether VAT is payable when you instruct us.

The costs quoted here do not include:

- Any Home Office and official fees for submitting your appeal.
- Fees of independent expert witnesses where required (VAT at 20% may be chargeable)
- Interpreter fees which vary depending on what language you speak and the amount of time spent by the interpreter. VAT at 20% may be chargeable on interpreter's fees
- Official translation fees which vary depending on the language and the number of documents requiring translation. VAT at 20% may be chargeable on translation fees
- Counsel's fees which may be incurred for ad hoc advice on complex issues, and representation at First-Tier Tribunal hearings. For the majority of cases Counsel's fees can typically range from between £850 to £1,600 per day (depending on the experience of the advocate). The cost can be much higher for more complex claims that require senior Counsel (VAT at 20% may be chargeable).

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The fees set out above cover the following stages of a claim:

- discussing your circumstances in detail and advising on the Immigration Rules and your eligibility in relation to the relevant application
- considering whether any other options are available to you
- completing the application documentation
- reviewing supporting documentation provided by you
- preparing further template documentation where required
- liaising with the Home Office in relation to your application if required
- giving you advice about the outcome of the application and any further steps you need to take
- Instructing Counsel and preparing for and attending the final hearing. (We will instruct Counsel to represent you at the Final Hearing.)

3. Factors that could make a case more complicated and therefore impact on the cost

- The amount of supporting evidence to consider.
- Whether you have had a previous adverse immigration matter, such as a visa refusal.
- Which language(s) you speak.
- Whether you are applying with dependants and the number of dependants involved.
- How easily and quickly you are able to provide all of the supporting evidence.
- How clearly you meet the eligibility criteria for the relevant application.
- The urgency of your case.

4. Experience and qualifications of the lawyers handling your case

We always make sure that junior solicitors and members of staff are supported and supervised appropriately so that the quality of advice is not affected, regardless of who is working on your case.

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From time to time, we may also employ paralegals who do some of the day to day work on cases. Although they are not legally qualified, they have or are undertaking legal qualifications, are receiving extensive training within our firm, and work under the direct supervision of a solicitor.

5. Timescales

We will normally be able to submit most types of appeal within 2-3 weeks of instruction provided we have received all the necessary documentation.

We cannot guarantee how long the Home Office will take to process your appeal. However, the current processing times can be found on the Home Office website.