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Visa regulations

The Minister for Immigration (Mark Harper): I am today announcing proposals to change the fees for immigration and nationality applications made to the Home Office and for services provided by the department. The government reviews these fees on a regular basis and makes appropriate changes as necessary.

In developing these proposals, the Home Office has sought to limit most increases to 4%. There are further targeted increases to bring dependant fees in line with main application fees, to register as a British Citizen and some premium services. A staggered rise has been applied to the long term visit visa (greater than six months) with a higher rise to the 2 and 5 year visas to ensure the 10 year visa stays at its current level. We are also introducing a reduced fee for those applying to work within areas regarded as shortage occupations and to the direct airside transit visa.

The Home Office has given careful consideration to its fee levels, to ensure they provide the funding necessary to operate effective immigration controls and invest in improving service levels to customers. This is balanced against the need to ensure that the UK continues to attract and welcome the 'brightest and best' migrants from around the world and those that make a valued contribution to British society. Given the ongoing need to reduce public spending, we believe it is right that we continue to reduce the contribution made by UK taxpayers towards delivering the immigration system by asking those who use and benefit directly from the system to make a greater contribution.

For certain application categories, we will continue to set fees higher than the administrative cost to reflect their value to successful applicants. This helps to provide resources to run the UK immigration system and enables the Home Office to set lower fees elsewhere in support of wider government objectives to attract those businesses, workers, students and visitors who most benefit the UK. This includes the short term visit visa which remains significantly below cost.

I have laid regulations for fees set higher than cost. In addition, I will shortly lay another set of regulations in Parliament for fees set at or below cost. Further details explaining all fees changes are provided in the Explanatory Memoranda for both sets of regulations. Subject to parliamentary approval the government intends to bring new fees into force from 6 April 2014 with some fees for premium services overseas coming into effect on 31 March 2014.

The attached table, setting out all the proposed fees, includes indicative unit costs for financial year 2014-15. The unit cost is the estimated average cost to the Home Office of processing each application. Unit costs are published so it is clear which fees we set over cost and by how much.

Full details on how to apply for all of the Home Office's products and services will be provided on the Home Office website: www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk.

Applications Made Outside the UK				
Entry Clearance Visas – Non PBS	Unit Costs April 2014	Current Fees	New Fees 6 th April 2014	% Increase
Visit Visa –short up to 6 months	£115	£80	£83	4.0%
Visit visa - long up to 2 years	£115	£278	£300	8.0%
Visit visa - long up to 5 years	£115	£511	£544	6.5%
Visit visa - long up to 10 years	£115	£737	£737	0.0%
Extended Student Visit visa (between 6 & 11 months)	£115	£144	£150	4.0%
Settlement	£378	£851	£885	4.0%
Settlement - dependant relative	£378	£1,906	£1,982	4.0%
Settlement (refugee dependant relative)*	£378	£407	£378	-7.1% ³
Certificate of Entitlement	£378	£278	£289	4.0%
Other visa	£170	£278	£289	4.0%
Transit visa (Direct Airside)	£83	£54	£40	-25.0%
Transit Visa (Landside)	£83	£54	£54	0.0%
Media Representatives	£177	£494	£514	4.0%
Vignette transfer fee	£170	£105	£109	4.0%
Call out/ out of hours fee (per hr)	£130 /hr	£130/hr	£130/hr	0.0%
Single entry visa to replace Biometric Residence Permit overseas	£72	£72	£72	0.0%
Receiving, preparing and forwarding documents on behalf of Commonwealth Countries/ Overseas Territories	£115	N/A	£115	N/A
Registered Traveller – Yearly Subscription (NEW)	N/A	N/A	£50 per year	N/A
Registered Traveller – Registration of New Documents (NEW)	N/A	N/A	£20	N/A
Priority Visa Service – Settlement	£6	Varies by Location	£300	N/A
Priority Visa Service – Non-Settlement	£6	Varies by Location	£100	N/A
Super Priority Visa Service	£100	£600	£600	0.0%
User Pays VACs	£53	Varies by Location	£53	N/A
Passport Passback Service	£40	Varies by Location	£40	N/A
Prime-time visa application centre appointment	£35	Varies by Location	£50	N/A
International contact centre service - Live chat (Flat rate) (NEW)	N/A	N/A	£4	N/A
International contact centre service - Helpline per Minute (NEW)	N/A	N/A	£1.37	N/A

Applications Made Outside the UK				
Visa – PBS	Unit Costs April 2014	Current Fees	New Fees 6 th April 2014	% Increase
Tier 1 (Entrepreneur, Investor, Exceptional Talent ¹) - Main applicant ²	£352	£840	£874	4.0%
Tier 1 (Entrepreneur, Investor, Exceptional Talent ¹) - All dependants	£352	£840	£874	4.0%
Tier 1 Graduate Entrepreneur - Main applicant and all dependants	£352	£298	£310	4.0%
Tier 1 Post Study Work – All dependants	£352	£498	£518	4.0%
Tier 2 General, ICT – Long term staff, Sport & MOR - main applicants ²	£173	£494	£514	4.0%
Tier 2 General, ICT – Long term staff, Sport & MOR – Main dependants	£173	£494	£514	4.0%
Tier 2 ICT Short term staff, Graduate Trainee or Skills Transfer - main applicants & dependants ²	£173	£412	£428	4.0%
Tier 2 General, ICT over 3 years limited leave to remain– Long term staff - main Apps ² (NEW)	£173	N/A	£1,028	N/A
Tier 2 General, ICT over 3 years limited leave to remain– Long term staff - Dependants Apps (NEW)	£173	N/A	£1,028	N/A
Tier 2 - Shortage Occupations: Up to 3 years limited leave to remain - Main ² (NEW)	£173	£494	£428	-13.6%
Tier 2 - Shortage Occupations: Up to 3 years leave to remain - Dependant (NEW)	£173	£494	£428	-13.6%
Tier 2 - Shortage Occupations: over 3 years leave to remain - Main ² (NEW)	£173	N/A	£856	N/A
Tier 2 - Shortage Occupations: over 3 years leave to remain - Dependant (NEW)	£173	N/A	£856	N/A
Tier 4 - main apps ²	£204	£298	£310	4.0%
Tier 4 - dependants	£204	£298	£310	4.0%
Tier 5 Temp Work & Youth Mobility - main apps ²	£131	£200	£208	4.0%
Tier 5 - all dependants	£131	£200	£208	4.0%
¹ The Exceptional Talent application fee will be payable in 2 parts				
² Council of European Social Charter (CESC) reduction applies. Reduction set at £55 per eligible applicant.				
³ Reductions in line with 2013 unit cost				
ICT: Intra Company Transfer		MOR: Minister of Religion		

Applications Made within the UK				
Applications relating to Nationality	Unit Costs April 2014	Current Fees	New Fees 6 th April 2014	% Increase
Naturalisation (UK Citizenship) single application ¹	£144	£794	£906	4.0%
Naturalisation (UK Citizenship) joint application ¹	£203	£1,390	£1,652	12.9%
Naturalisation as a British overseas territories citizen single application (NEW)	£144	£568	£661	16.4%
Naturalisation as a British overseas territories citizen joint application (NEW)	£144	N/A	£1,322	N/A
Nationality (UK Citizenship) Registration adult ¹	£144	£673	£823	10.4%
Nationality (UK Citizenship) Registration minor ²	£144	£673	£669	-0.6%
Nationality Registration (British Overseas Territories Citizen) adult (CHANGED)	£144	£568	£595	4.5%
Nationality Registration (British Overseas Territories Citizen) minor (CHANGED)	£144	£568	£536	-5.6%
Nationality Registration (British Subject British Overseas Citizen / British Protected Person) adult (NEW)	£144	N/A	£595	N/A
Nationality Registration (British Subject British Overseas Citizen) minor (NEW)	£144	N/A	£601	N/A
Renunciation of Nationality	£187	£187	£187	0.0%
Nationality Reissued Certificate ⁴	£85	£94	£85	-9.6%
Nationality Right of Abode	£187	£170	£187	4.0%
Nationality Reconsiderations	£85	£80	£80	0.0%
Status Letter (Nationality) ⁴	£85	£94	£85	-9.6%
Non-Acquisition Letter (Nationality) ⁴	£85	£94	£85	-9.6%
Nationality Correction to Certificate ⁴	£85	£94	£85	-9.6%
European Residence Document— (Residence Certificate) ³	£88	£55	£55	0.0%
European Residence Document – (Document certifying permanent residence) ³	£88	£55	£55	0.0%
European Residence Document – (Residence Card and Derivative Residence Card) ³	£88	£55	£55	0.0%
European Residence Document – (Permanent Residence Card) ³	£88	£55	£55	0.0%
¹ £80 per applicant is included to cover the ceremony fee.				
² Additional £80 per applicant is required to cover the ceremony fee should the minor turn 18 during the application process. This will be requested at point of decision.				
³ Residence Documents issued under the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations are not mandatory.				
⁴ Fee Reductions in line with 2013 unit cost				

Applications Made within the UK

In-UK Non PBS	Unit Costs April 2014	Current Fees	New Fees 6th April 2014	% Increase
ILR Standard – main applicant	£248	£1,051	£1,093	4.0%
ILR Standard - all dependants	£248	£788	£1,093	38.7%
LTR Other Standard – main applicant	£278	£578	£601	4.0%
LTR Other Standard – all dependants	£278	£433	£601	38.8%
NTL – main applicant ²	£104	£147	£104	-29.3%
NTL Postal – all dependants ²	£104	£147	£104	-29.3%
Transfer of Conditions – main applicant ²	£107	£147	£107	-27.2%
Transfer of Conditions – all dependants ²	£107	£147	£107	-27.2%
Travel Documents Adult (CoT) ²	£246	£257	£246	-4.3%
Travel Documents Adult CTD ²	£69	£72.50	£69	-4.8%
Travel Documents Child (CoT) ²	£157	£164	£157	-4.3%
Travel Documents Child CTD	£49	£46	£46	0.0%
BRP / Replacement Biometric Residence Permit	£57	£38	£40	4.0%
Work Permit Technical Changes	£22	£22	£22	0.0%
Residual FLR IED Standard – main applicant	£278	£578	£601	4.0%
Residual FLR IED Standard – all dependants	£278	£433	£601	38.8%
Residual FLR BUS Standard – main applicant	£278	£1,051	£1,093	4.0%
Residual FLR BUS Standard – all dependants	£278	£788	£1,093	38.7%
Employment LTR outside PBS Standard	£278	£578	£601	4.0%
Employment LTR outside PBS Standard Dependant	£278	£433	£601	38.8%
Application in Person (AIP) – main applicant and all dependants ¹	N/A	£375	£400	6.7%
Appointment booking fee ¹	N/A	£100	£100	0.0%
Super Premium service (mobile case working) - Price & Standard AIP Fee	£2,211	£6,000	£6,000	0.0%
Call out/ out of hours fee (Per Hr)	£130 /hr	£130/hr	£130/hr	0.0%
¹ For applications made in person (e.g. at a public enquiry office) the total fee is the relevant standard fee plus £400 per person (this includes the £100 appointment fee, which may be retained should the applicant fail to attend their appointment without good reason).				
² Fee Reductions in line with 2013 unit cost				
ILR = Indefinite Leave to Remain	IED = Immigration Employment Document			
LTR = Leave to Remain	FLR = Further Leave to Remain			
Standard = Postal or online applications where online application is available				

Applications Made within the UK				
In UK - PBS	Unit Costs April 2014	Current Fees	New Fees 6 th April 2014	% Increase
Tier 1 - (General) Standard – main applicant ⁴	£242	£1,545	£1,607	4.0%
Tier 1 - (General) Standard - all dependants	£242	£1,159	£1,607	38.7%
Tier 1 - Standard (Entrepreneur, Investor) ¹ - main applicant ⁴	£340	£1,051	£1,093	4.0%
Tier 1 - Standard (Entrepreneur, Investor, Exceptional Talent) – all dependants ¹	£340	£788	£1,093	38.7%
Tier 1 – Graduate Entrepreneur Standard - main applicant ⁴	£290	£406	£422	4.0%
Tier 1 – Graduate Entrepreneur Standard - all dependants	£290	£305	£422	38.4%
Tier 1 = Exceptional talent extension - main applicant (NEW) ⁴	£340	N/A	£1,093	N/A
Tier 1 = Exceptional talent extension – all dependants (NEW)	£340	N/A	£1,093	N/A
Tier 2 General, ICT up to 3 years leave to remain– Long term staff, Sport & MOR - Standard main applicant ⁴	£213	£578	£601	4.0%
Tier 2 General, ICT up to 3 years leave to remain– Long term staff, Sport & MOR – all dependants	£213	£434	£601	38.5%
Tier 2 ICT – Short term staff, Graduate Trainee or Skills Transfer - Standard – main applicant ⁴	£191	£412	£428	4.0%
Tier 2 ICT – Short term staff, Graduate Trainee or Skills Transfer – Standard - all dependants	£191	£309	£428	24.9%
Tier 2 General, ICT over 3 years leave to remain– Long term staff, Sport & MOR - main applicant (NEW) ⁴	£213	N/A	£1,202	N/A
Tier 2 General, ICT over 3 years leave to remain– Long term staff – all dependants (NEW)	£213	N/A	£1,202	N/A
Tier 2 - Shortage Occupations: Up to 3 years leave to remain - main applicant (NEW) ⁴	£213	£578	£428	-26.0%
Tier 2 - Shortage Occupations: Up to 3 years leave to remain – all dependants (NEW)	£213	£434	£428	-11.1%
Tier 2 - Shortage Occupations: Over 3 years leave to remain - main applicant (NEW) ⁴	£213	N/A	£856	N/A
Tier 2 - Shortage Occupations: Over 3 years leave to remain – all dependants (NEW)	£213	N/A	£856	N/A
Tier 4 – Standard – main applicant	£203	£406	£422	4.0%
Tier 4 – Standard – all dependants	£203	£305	£422	38.4%
Tier 5 – Standard – main applicant ⁴	£187	£200	£208	4.0%
Tier 5 – Standard - all dependants	£187	£150	£208	38.7%
Tier 4 – Permission to Change Sponsor ²	£160	£160	£160	0.0%
Application in Person (AIP) – main applicant and all dependants ³	N/A	£375	£400	6.7%
Priority service – main applicant and all dependants	N/A	£275	£300	9.0%
Appointment booking fee	N/A	£100	£100	0.0%
Super Premium service (mobile case working) - Price & Standard AIP Fee	£2,211	£6,000	0.0%	£6,000

Premium Postal Service (Tier 2 Only)	N/A	£275	£300	9%
¹ The Exceptional Talent application fee is payable in 2 parts				
² Only for migrants that applied to UKBA for permission to study from 31 March 2009 to 4 October 2009.				
³ For applications made in person (e.g. at a public enquiry office) the total fee is the relevant standard fee plus £400 per person (this includes the £100 appointment fee, which may be retained should the applicant fail to attend their appointment without good reason).				
Standard = Postal or online applications where online application is available				
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Applications Made within the UK				
PBS Sponsorship	Unit Costs April 2014	Current Fees	New Fees 6 th April 2014	% Increase
Premium Sponsor Scheme Tier 2 & 5 – large sponsors	N/A	£25,000	£25,000	0.0%
Premium Sponsor Scheme Tier 2 & 5 – small sponsors	N/A	£8,000	£8,000	0.0%
Premium Scheme Tier 4 Sponsors	N/A	£8,000	£8,000	0.0%
Tier 2 Large Sponsor Licence ¹	£1,476	£1,545	£1,476	-4.5%
Tier 2 Small Sponsor Licence	£1,476	£515	£536	4.0%
Tier 4 Sponsor Licence	£1,476	£515	£536	4.0%
Tier 5 Sponsor Licence	£1,476	£515	£536	4.0%
Tier 2, Tier 4 &/or Tier 5 Licence (where sponsor currently holds Tier 4 or Tier 5 licence) ¹	£1,476	£1,030	£940	-8.7%
Highly Trusted Sponsor Licence	£1,476	£515	£536	4.0%
Sponsor Action Plan ¹	£1,476	£1,545	£1,476	-4.5%
Tier 2 Certificate Of Sponsorship (COS)	£154	£184	£184	0.0%
Tier 4 Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS)	£14	£14	£14	0.0%
Tier 5 Certificate Of Sponsorship (COS)	£14	£14	£14	0.0%
¹ Fee Reductions in line with 2013 unit cost				