

Written Ministerial Statement Announcing Proposed Fees for FY 2010/11

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Charging for Immigration and Nationality Services 2010-11

**The Minister of State for Borders and Immigration and Member for Oldham East
and Saddleworth (Mr. Phil Woolas):**

I am today laying regulations for the fees for immigration and nationality services that are set at levels above the normal administrative costs of the service. The Government reviews the fees on a regular basis and makes appropriate changes as necessary. We have continued with our strategic approach to charging; setting certain fees above cost on the basis of the value of the service.

These fees must be set out in regulations before both Houses of Parliament and are subject to the affirmative procedure. The fees for these applications allow us to generate revenue which is used to fund the UK immigration system and to set certain fees below cost recovery to support wider government objectives. The revenue generated will contribute towards the development and delivery of the new Points Based System, the rollout of ID cards for foreign nationals and investment in IT capability both overseas and in the UK. This coming year we will continue to strengthen that capability in underpinning technology and process improvement. For transparency, I have included the estimated unit cost for each route, so that it is clear the degree to which certain routes are set above cost.

We have succeeded in limiting the extent of our general increases, by taking a more targeted approach to fees adjustment which is consistent with both the UK Border Agency's strategic charging principles, and also with broader government objectives. We have made several amendments to the UK settlement fees and we have proposed a nominal 10% fee for all applications for UK-based dependants to reflect the fact that each individual brings a processing cost to us. Full details of all fees changes are outlined in the Explanatory Memorandum accompanying these Regulations.

Finally we will continue to generate revenue to fund the transitional impacts of migration. The Migration Impacts Fund has played a vital role in helping ease the pressures on certain communities.

I am publishing today the fees for immigration and nationality services that are set at levels above the normal administrative costs of the service alongside these regulations. I will announce our proposals for the fees for immigration and nationality fees that are set below the administrative costs of the service when we lay negative regulations in February 2010.

Full details on how to apply for all of these services will be provided on our website, www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk.

A table of fees for 2010-11 for immigration and nationality services that are set at levels above the normal administrative costs of the service is set out at Annex A.

Annex A

VISA FEES

PRODUCTS	2009/10 Fees (£)	Estimated Unit Cost for 10/11	Proposed Fee for 10/11
Non PBS Visas			
Long term visit visa (up to 2 yr)	215	140	230
Long term visit visa (up to 5 yr)	400	141	420
Long term visit visa (up to 10 yr)	500	155	610
Settlement visa *	585	249	644
Settlement Visa *- Dependent Relative	585	272	1680
Other visa	215	115	230
PBS Visas			
T1(General, Investor / Entrepreneur)*	675	332	690
T1 (General/Entrepreneur) CESC *	615	332	629
T2 *	265	197	270
T2 (CESC) *	245	196	250

* The fees for these applications include a contribution of £50 to the migration impacts fund.

IN UK – Leave to Remain and Nationality Fees

PRODUCTS	2009/10 Fees (£)	Estimated Unit Cost for 10/11	Proposed Fee for 10/11	Dependents Fee
NON PBS ROUTES - Migrants Inside UK				
ILR Postal *	820	341	840	129
ILR PEO *	1020	256	1095	154
ILR Postal (CESC) *	750	341	767	121
ILR PEO (CESC) *	920	256	992	144
ILR Dependant Relative (Postal) *	820	341	1680	213
ILR Dependant Relative (PEO) *	1020	256	1930	238
Leave to Remain Non Student Postal *	465	419	475	92
Leave to Remain Non Student PEO *	665	348	730	118
FLR (IED) Postal *	400	210	400	85
FLR (IED) PEO *	600	210	650	110
FLR (BUS) *	800	210	800	125
Transfer of Conditions PEO	515	341	578	57
Mobile Biometric Enrolment & Case-working (Premium+)	0	1982	15,000	N/A
Nationality applications - Migrants Inside UK				
Nationality 6(1) Single *	640	208	655	N/A
Nationality 6(1) Joint *	690	231	770	N/A
Nationality 6(2) *	640	208	655	N/A
Nationality Registration Adult *	460	208	470	N/A
Nationality Registration Single Minors *	460	208	470	N/A
Nationality Registration Multiple Minors *	510	255	567	97

* The fees for these applications include a contribution of £50 per person to the migration impacts fund.

IN – UK PBS FEES

PRODUCTS	2009/10 Fees (£)	Estimated Unit Cost for 10/11	Proposed Fee for 10/11	Dependents Fee
PBS - Migrants Inside UK				
T1 (General) - Postal *	820	317	840	129
T1 (General) - PEO *	1020	288	1095	154
T1 (General/Entrepreneur) CESC Postal *	750	317	767	121
T1 (General/Entrepreneur) CESC PEO *	920	288	992	144
T1 (Invs or Ent) - Postal *	820	354	840	129
T1 (Invs or Ent) - PEO *	1020	446	1095	154
T1 (Post Study) – Postal	500	317	550	100
T1 (Post Study) - PEO *	700	325	800	125
Tier 1 (Transition) Postal *	400	259	408	85
Tier 1 (Transition) PEO *	600	275	663	111
T2 - Postal *	465	344	475	92
T2 - PEO *	665	330	730	118
T2 CESC Postal *	425	344	434	88
T2 CESC PEO *	605	330	669	111
T4 - PEO *	565	374	628	107
T5 – PEO	515	369	578	57
T5 CESC PEO	460	380	521	52

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PBS Sponsorship & Certificate of Sponsorship Fees

PRODUCTS	2009/10 Fees (£)	Estimated Unit Cost for 10/11	Proposed 10/11 fees (£)
PBS Sponsorship & CoS Fees			
T2 Sponsor licence - medium/large business	1000	880	1000
T2&4 Sponsor licence - medium/large business	1000	950	1000
T2&5 Sponsor licence - medium/large business	1000	880	1000
T2, 4 & 5 Sponsor licence - medium/large business	1000	950	1000
T2 Certificate of Sponsorship	170	25	170