

HOME OFFICE**Charging for Immigration and Nationality Services 2012-13**

The Minister of State for Immigration (Damian Green): I am announcing proposals to change the fees for immigration and nationality applications made to the UK Border Agency. The Government reviews these fees on a regular basis and makes appropriate changes as necessary. I am today laying regulations for fees that are set at levels above the estimated administrative costs of the service. We have continued with our strategic approach to charging; setting certain fees above cost on the basis of the value of the service.

Given the ongoing need to reduce public spending, we believe it is right that we continue to seek to reduce the burden on UK taxpayers of delivering the border and immigration system by asking migrants to make a greater contribution to the funding of the UK Border Agency. The UK Border Agency has given careful consideration to its fee levels, to ensure it can maintain good service levels to customers and secure the border for the general public.

Some fees are set above the administrative cost of providing the service to generate the revenue which is used to help fund the UK immigration system and which enables others to be set below cost recovery to support wider government objectives. The revenue generated will contribute towards securing the UK's border and controlling migration for the benefit of the UK. These fees must be set out in regulations before both Houses of Parliament and are subject to the affirmative legislative procedure. In addition, I will shortly lay another set of regulations in Parliament for the fees for immigration and nationality services that are set at or below the administrative cost of the service. Further details of all fees changes will be outlined in the Explanatory Memoranda accompanying both sets of regulations. Subject to parliamentary approval the Government hopes to bring the new fees into force from 6th April 2012.

Details of all the proposed increases are set out in the table attached (new fees are shown in italics). The table includes indicative unit costs for each application for Financial Year 2012/13. The unit cost is the estimated average cost to the UK Border Agency of processing each application. Although these unit costs are not fixed over the course of the financial year, the unit costs are published so it is clear which fees we set over cost and by how much.

In developing these proposals, the UK Border Agency has sought to limit most increases to approximately 2%. In addition, the fees paid by dependants, for applications made within the UK, are being maintained at the current level of 50% of a main applicant's fee. In future the UK Border Agency will look to charge the same fee in the UK for dependants and main applicants, as currently already happens for visa applications made overseas.

Full details on how to apply for all of these services will be provided on the UK Border Agency's website, www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk

OUT OF COUNTRY			
Visas - non PBS <i>(New products are shown in italics)</i>	Unit Costs April 2012	Previous Fees April 2011	New Fees April 2012
Visit visa - short	£140	£76	£78
Visit visa - long 2 year	£140	£265	£270
Visit visa - long 5 year	£140	£486	£496
Visit visa - long 10 year	£140	£702	£716
Short Term Student Visa (between 6 & 11 months)	£140	£140	£140
Settlement	£391	£810	£826
<i>Settlement Armed Forces Dependants</i>	£391	£810	£810
Settlement - Dependant Relative	£458	£1,814	£1,850
<i>Settlement (Refugee dependant relative)*</i>	£458	n/a	£458
Certificate of Entitlement	£355	£265	£270
Other Visa	£163	£265	£270
Transit Visa	£73	£51	£52
<i>Media Representatives*</i>	£250	n/a	£480
Vignette Transfer Fee	£163	£100	£102
Call Out/Out of Hours Fee	£134/hr	130/hr max £939/day	£130/hr
Single entry visa to Replace Biometric Residence Permit Overseas	£70	£70	£70
Forwarding documents to Commonwealth Countries / Overseas Territories (additional fee).	n/a	£70	£70
Handling applications on behalf of Commonwealth Countries/ Overseas Territories.	n/a	£50	£50
*Both previously applied for under other visa category			

Visa – PBS	Unit Costs April 2012	Previous Fees April 2011	New Fees April 2012
Tier 1 (Entrepreneur, Investor, Exceptional Talent) - Main Apps	£432	£800	£816
Tier 1 (Entrepreneur, Investor, Exceptional Talent) - All Dependants	£432	£800	£816
Tier 1 CESC - Main Apps	£432	£720	£734
Tier 1 (Transition)	n/a	£332	£332
Tier 1 (Transition) CESC - Main Apps	n/a	£300	£300
Tier 1 Post Study Work - Dependants	£459	£474	£483
Tier 2 General, ICT – Long term staff, Sport & MOR - Main Apps	£250	£400	£480
Tier 2 General, ICT – Long term staff, Sport & MOR - Dependants	£250	£400	£480
Tier 2 General, ICT – Long term staff, Sport & MOR - CESC - Main Apps	£250	£360	£432
Tier 2 ICT Short term staff, Graduate Trainee or Skills Transfer - Main Apps & Dependants	£227	£350	£400
Tier 2 ICT Short term staff, Graduate Trainee or Skills Transfer - CESC - Main Apps	£227	£315	£360
Tier 4 - Main Apps	£289	£255	£289
Tier 4 - Dependants	£289	£255	£289
Tier 5 Temp Work & Youth Mobility - Main Apps	£206	£190	£194
Tier 5 All Dependants	£206	£190	£194
Tier 5 CESC - Main Apps	£206	£171	£175
CESC = Council of Europe Social Charter reduction			
ICT = Intra Company Transfer		MOR = Minister of Religion	
Applications to the Channel Islands under Employment and Study routes attract Tier 2 & Tier 4 fees and costs respectively.			

IN COUNTRY

Nationality	Unit Costs April 2012	Previous Fees April 2011	New Fees April 2012
Naturalisation (UK Citizenship) Single *	£181	£836	£851
Naturalisation (UK Citizenship) Joint *	£272	£1,294	£1,317
Naturalisation (UK Citizenship) Spouse *	£181	£836	£851
Nationality Registration Adult *	£181	£620	£631
Nationality Registration Minor **	£181	£540	£551
Nationality Registration Multiple Minor Main **	£272	£810	£827
Nationality Registration Multiple Minor Dependant **	£181	£270	£276
Renunciation of Nationality	£238	£225	£229
Nationality Reissued Certificate	£91	£86	£88
Nationality Right of Abode	£181	£162	£165
Nationality Reconsiderations	£181	£80	£80
Status Letter (Nationality)	£91	£86	£88
Non-Acquisition Letter (Nationality)	£91	£86	£88
Nationality Correction to Certificate	£91	£86	£88
* Additional £80 per applicant is included to cover the ceremony fee.			
** 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.			

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In UK - Non PBS	Unit Costs April 2012	Previous Fees April 2011	New Fees April 2012
ILR Postal Main	£255	£972	£991
ILR Postal All dependants	£255	£486	£496
ILR Postal CESC Main	£255	£875	£893
ILR Postal CESC Dependant	£255	£486	£496
ILR PEO Main	£255	£1,350	£1,377
ILR PEO Dependant	£255	£675	£689
ILR PEO CESC Main	£255	£1,215	£1,239
ILR PEO CESC Dependant	£255	£675	£689
ILR Dependant Relative Postal	£299	£1,814	£1,850
ILR Dependant Relative PEO	£299	£2,214	£2,258
LTR Other Postal Main	£308	£550	£561
LTR Other Postal Dependant	£308	£275	£281
LTR Other PEO Main	£307	£850	£867
LTR Other PEO Dependant	£307	£425	£434
Transfer of Conditions Postal Main	£229	£216	£220
Transfer of Conditions Postal Dependant	£229	£108	£110
Transfer of Conditions PEO Main	£229	£648	£661
Transfer of Conditions PEO Dependant	£229	£324	£331
Travel Documents Adult (CoT)	£249	£238	£238
Travel Documents Adult CTD	£159	£77.50	£77.50
Travel Documents Child (CoT)	£159	£149	£149
Travel Documents Child CTD	£113	£49	£49
BRP/Replacement Biometric Residence Permit	£37	£37	£37
Mobile Case working (Premium+)	£2,211	£6,000+PEO Fee	£6,000 + PEO Fee
Call Out/Out of Hours Fee	£134/hr	£130/hr	£130/hr
Work Permit Technical Changes	£123	£22	£22
Residual FLR IED Postal - Main	£246	£550	£561
Residual FLR IED Postal - Dependants	£238	£275	£281
Residual FLR IED PEO - Main	£148	£850	£867
Residual FLR IED PEO - Dependants	£148	£425	£434
Residual FLR BUS Postal - Main	£148	£1,000	£1,020
Residual FLR BUS Postal - Dependants	£148	£500	£510
Employment LTR outside PBS Postal	£253	£550	£561
Employment LTR outside PBS Postal Dependant	£253	£275	£281
Employment LTR outside PBS PEO	£259	£850	£867
Employment LTR outside PBS PEO Dependant	£259	£425	£434
Additional Out of Hours Premium* - PEO Main	n/a	£300	£300
Additional Out of Hours Premium* - PEO Dependant	n/a	£150	£150
* Out of hours fee payable on top of standard PEO fee			
CESC = Council of Europe Social Charter reduction	LTR = Leave to Remain		
PEO = Public Enquiry Office	ILR = Indefinite Leave to Remain		
FLR = Further Leave to Remain	IED = Immigration Employment Document		
Postal = Postal or Online applications where online application is available			

IN COUNTRY

In UK - PBS (<i>New products are shown in italics</i>)	Unit Costs April 2012	Previous Fees April 2011	New Fees April 2012
Tier 1 - Postal Main (General)	£181	£1,000	£1,500
Tier 1 - Postal All Dependants (General)	£181	£500	£750
Tier 1 - PEO Main (General)	£181	£1,300	£1,800
Tier 1 - PEO All Dependants (General)	£181	£650	£900
Tier 1 - Postal CESC Main (General)	£181	£900	£1,350
Tier 1 - PEO CESC Main (General)	£181	£1,170	£1,620
Tier 1 - Postal Main (Entrepreneur, Investor, Exceptional Talent)	£181	£1,000	£1,020
Tier 1 - Postal All Dependants (Entrepreneur, Investor, Exceptional Talent)	£181	£500	£510
Tier 1 - Postal Main CESC (Entrepreneur, Exceptional Talent)	£181	£900	£918
Tier 1 - PEO Main (Entrepreneur, Investor, Exceptional Talent)	£181	£1,300	£1,326
Tier 1 - PEO All Dependants (Entrepreneur, Investor, Exceptional Talent)	£181	£650	£663
Tier 1 - PEO CESC Main (Entrepreneur, Exceptional Talent)	£181	£1,170	£1,193
Tier 1 - Transition Postal Main	n/a	£500	£500
Tier 1 - Transition Postal Dependand	n/a	£250	£250
Tier 1 - Transition PEO Main	n/a	£700	£700
Tier 1 - Transition PEO Dependand	n/a	£350	£350
<i>Tier 1 - Graduate Entrepreneur Postal Main</i>	£181	n/a	£700
<i>Tier 1 - Graduate Entrepreneur CESC Postal Main</i>	£181	n/a	£630
<i>Tier 1 - Graduate Entrepreneur Postal All Dependants</i>	£181	n/a	£350
<i>Tier 1 - Graduate Entrepreneur PEO Main</i>	£181	n/a	£1,000
<i>Tier 1 - Graduate Entrepreneur PEO CESC Main</i>	£181	n/a	£900
<i>Tier 1 - Graduate Entrepreneur PEO All Dependants</i>	£181	n/a	£500
Tier 2 - General, ICT - Long term staff, Sport & MOR - Postal Main	£160	£550	£561
Tier 2 - General, ICT - Long term staff, Sport & MOR - Postal All Dependants	£160	£275	£281
Tier 2 - General, ICT - Long term staff, Sport & MOR - Postal CESC Main	£160	£495	£505
Tier 2 - General, ICT - Long term staff, Sport & MOR - PEO Main applicant	£160	£850	£867
Tier 2 - General, ICT - Long term staff, Sport & MOR - PEO All Dependants	£160	£425	£434
Tier 2 - General, ICT - Long term staff, Sport & MOR - PEO CESC Main	£160	£765	£780
Tier 2 ICT - Short term staff, Graduate Trainee or Skills Transfer Postal Main	£160	£350	£400
Tier 2 ICT - Short term staff, Graduate Trainee or Skills Transfer Postal All Dependants	£160	£175	£200
Tier 2 - ICT - Short term staff, Graduate Trainee or Skills Transfer Postal CESC Main	£160	£315	£360
Tier 2 - ICT - Short term staff, Graduate Trainee or Skills Transfer PEO	£160	£650	£700
Tier 2 - ICT - Short term staff, Graduate Trainee or Skills Transfer PEO Dependants	£160	£325	£350
Tier 2 ICT - Short term staff, Graduate Trainee or Skills Transfer PEO CESC Main	£160	£585	£630
Tier 4 - Postal Main	£259	£386	£394
Tier 4 - Postal All Dependants	£259	£193	£197

Tier 4 - PEO Main	£259	£702	£716
Tier 4 - PEO All Dependants	£259	£351	£358
Tier 5 - Postal Main	£196	£190	£194
Tier 5 - Postal All Dependants	£196	£95	£97
Tier 5 - Postal CESC Main	£196	£171	£175
Tier 5 - PEO Main	£145	£648	£661
Tier 5 - PEO All Dependants	£145	£324	£330
Tier 5 - PEO CESC Main	£145	£583	£595
PBS Dependants Applying Separately - Postal	£418	£550	£561
PBS Dependants Applying Separately - PEO	£419	£850	£867
Tier 4 - Permission to Change Sponsor *	£160	£160	£160
CESC = Council of Europe Social Charter reduction	PEO = Public Enquiry Office		
ICT = Intra Company Transfer	MOR = Minister of Religion		
Postal = Postal or Online applications where online application is available			
* For migrants that applied to UKBA for permission to study from 31 March 2009 to 4 October 2009.			

IN COUNTRY			
PBS Sponsorship (<i>New products are shown in italics</i>)	Unit Costs April 2012	Previous Fees April 2011	New Fees April 2012
<i>Premium Scheme Large Enterprises</i>	n/a	n/a	£25,000
<i>Premium Scheme Small Sponsors</i>	n/a	n/a	£8,000
Tier 2 Large Sponsor Licence	£1,531	£1,025	£1,500
Tier 2 Small Sponsor Licence	£1,531	£310	£500
Tier 4 Sponsor Licence	£1,531	£410	£500
Tier 5 Sponsor Licence	£1,531	£410	£500
Tier 2, Tier 4 &/or Tier 5 Licence (where sponsor currently holds T4 or T5 licence)	£1,531	£615	£1,000
Highly Trusted Sponsor Licence	£1,531	£410	£500
Sponsor Action Plan	£1,531	£1,000	£1,500
Tier 2 COS	£153	£175	£179
Tier 5 COS	£13	£10	£13
Tier 4 CAS	£13	£10	£13