

## Sherrards Pricing & Services Information

### Immigration

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#### **Application for Leave to Remain - pricing and service examples:**

Value added tax (VAT) is charged as a matter of course on all fees at a flat rate of 20%. Charging VAT in relation to immigration matters may depend on where you live and your current immigration permission. Once we are instructed by you, we will discuss and confirm the position.

#### **Hourly rate: £350 plus VAT at 20%**

On average, this type of work takes between 4-6 hours to complete. This means that on average, costs are between £1,400/£1,500 and £2100/£2250 plus VAT at 20%.

The exact number of hours it will take depends on the circumstances of your case and includes:

- The amount of supporting evidence that we need to consider;
- Whether translators are required;
- Whether you are applying with dependants.

If you are able to provide sufficient evidence at our first meeting and clearly meet the applicable Immigration Rules, the cost is likely to be at the lower end of this range.

#### **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 1-2 hours depending upon the complexity of the case;
- considering the supporting evidence you have provided, which we anticipate will take 2 to 3 hours:
  - 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.
- 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 2 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. If we attend with you, this could be between 8 and 10 hours of work including the attendance and we will discuss this with you separately to the charges above.
- giving you advice about the outcome of the application and any further steps you need to take.

## **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.

- Interpreter fees at approximately £48-£55 per hour and then a lower rate for successive hours. This kind of application will normally require between 2-3 hours with an interpreter, depending on the complexity of your 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 attend with you, there will be additional disbursements in respect of our mileage/travel expenses.

The costs quoted here do not include:

- Any Home Office fees for making the application. You will pay this to the Home Office directly as part of the application process.
- If the Home Office refuse your application, we will offer you 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 2/3 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.

## **Would you like to find out more?**



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