

Mobility: Immigration alert

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United Kingdom

New visa application fees to go into effect on 4 October 2023

Executive summary

On 15 September 2023, the UK government confirmed that subject to parliament approval, the immigration and nationality application fee increases announced in [July 2023](#) will come into effect on 4 October 2023. The planned increase in the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) will not come into effect until later in the autumn.

Key developments

The application fees for visit visas valid for less than six months will rise to GBP 115 (up from GBP 100), while the fees for Skilled Worker Visas valid for up to three years will increase to GBP 719 for applications filed overseas (up from GBP 625) and to GBP 827 for applications filed in the UK (up from GBP 719).

The following immigration routes, documents, and services will also be impacted by application fee increases:

- ▶ Visit visas valid for up to six months, 2.5 years or 10 years, and work visas (a 15% increase is expected)
- ▶ Study visas and certificates of sponsorship (an increase of at least 20% is expected)
- ▶ Most work and study entry visas and certain applications for leave to remain
- ▶ Indefinite leave to enter and indefinite leave to remain
- ▶ Health and Care Worker Visas
- ▶ Priority and super priority services for applications filed in the UK or outside
- ▶ Registration and naturalisation as a British Citizen

Impact on employers

The upcoming changes will increase the costs for employers that hire foreign nationals.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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