

**Written Ministerial Statement Announcing Proposed Fees immigration and
Nationality application**

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Charging for Immigration and Nationality Services 2010-11

The Minister of State for Immigration and Member for Ashford (Mr. 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.

The Chancellor's Emergency Budget set out the state of the nation's finances and demonstrated the very difficult choices that must be made to reduce the budget deficit. As part of that, the Government has looked again at the contribution made towards the costs of running an immigration system by the users of that system, balanced against those costs met by the UK taxpayer and we believe proposals to increase fees at this time are in the best interests of the UK. Securing the border brings with it an unavoidable core of cost, especially as we seek to improve customer service for visa applicants: something which we believe is important in the efficient running of the UK economy.

We set some fees above the administrative cost of providing the service. This allows 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 continue to strengthen our capability in underpinning technology and process improvement. For transparency, I have included details of the estimated unit cost for each route, so that it is clear the degree to which individual routes are set above or below cost.

I will shortly lay two sets of Regulations in Parliament to effect fee increases. A table with details of all the proposed increases is set out at Annex A. The table includes indicative unit costs for each application for 10/11. The unit cost is the estimated average cost to UK Border Agency of processing each application. Although our unit costs are not fixed over the course of the financial year, we publish unit costs to enable you to see which fees we set over cost and by how much. Further details of all fees changes will be outlined in the Explanatory Memoranda accompanying the Regulations.

Regulations to set fees at or below the cost of processing are subject to the negative parliamentary procedure and I propose these fees will increase from 1 October 2010. Where we charge a fee that is set above the processing cost, the Regulations are subject to the affirmative parliamentary process, and I aim for these fees to come into effect in November, subject to Parliamentary timetabling.

I believe our proposals continue to strike the right balance between maintaining secure and effective border controls, and ensuring that our fees structure does not inhibit the UK's ability to attract those migrants and visitors who most benefit the UK. In principle it is right that those who benefit most from the immigration system should bear a higher share of the contribution to the running of the system.

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

Fees to be Implemented from 01 October 2010

Non PBS Visas					
Products	Unit Cost	Current Fees		New Proposal	
		Main applicant		Main applicant	
Visit visa - short	£140	£68		£70	
Certificate of Entitlement	£245	£220		£245	
Transit Visa	£94	£47		£47	
Vignette Transfer Fee	£93	£75		£93	
Call Out/Out of Hours Fee	134/hr	£130/Hr up to Max £939/day		£130/Hr up to Max £939/day	

PBS Visas					
Products	Unit Cost	Current Fees		New Proposal	
		Main applicant		Main applicant	
Tier 1 (Transition)	£332	£256		£332	
Tier 1 (Transition) CESC	£332	£235		£300	
Tier 1 Post Study	£344	£315		£344	
Tier 4	£242	£199		£220	
Tier 5	£173	£128		£130	
Tier 5 CESC	£173	£112		£120	

Nationality Applications - Migrants In UK					
Products	Unit Cost	Current Fees		New Proposal	
		Main applicant	Dependant	Main applicant	Dependant
Renunciation of Nationality	£208	£208	N/A	£208	N/A
Nationality Right of Abode	£150	£143	N/A	£150	N/A
Nationality Reissued Certificate	£178	£76	N/A	£80	N/A
Nationality Reconsiderations	£100	£100	N/A	£100	N/A
Status Letter (Nationality)	£107	£76	N/A	£80	N/A
Non-Acquisition Letter (Nationality)	£107	£76	N/A	£80	N/A

Non PBS Routes - Migrants In UK					
Products	Unit Cost	Current Fees		New Proposal	
		Main applicant	Dependant	Main applicant	Dependant
Transfer of Conditions Postal	£381	£169	£16	£200	£50
Travel Documents Adult (CoT)	£246	£220	N/A	£220	N/A
Travel Documents Adult CTD	£246	£77.50	N/A	£77.50	N/A
Travel Documents Child (CoT)	£231	£138	N/A	£138	N/A
Travel Documents Child CTD	£255	£49	N/A	£49	N/A
Replacement BRP	£35	£30	N/A	£30	N/A
Call Out/Out of Hours Fee	134/hr	£130/Hr up to Max £939/day	N/A	£130/Hr up to Max £939/day	N/A
Work Permit Technical Changes	£116	£20	N/A	£20	N/A

PBS Routes - Migrants In UK					
Products	Unit Cost	Current Fees		New Proposal	
		Main applicant	Dependant	Main applicant	Dependant
Tier 4 - Postal	£357	£357	£80	£357	£100
Tier 5 - Postal	£359	£128	£12	£130	£30
Tier 5 - Postal CESC	£380	£112	£11	£120	£30

PBS Sponsorship Products

Products	Unit Cost	Current Fees	New Proposal
Tier 2 Small Sponsor Licence	£880	£300	£300
Tier 4 Sponsor Licence	£950	£400	£400
Tier 5 Sponsor Licence	£880	£400	£400
Tiers 2 & 4 Small Sponsor	£950	£400	£400
Tiers 2 & 5 Small Sponsor	£880	£400	£400
Tiers 4 & 5 Sponsor Licence	£950	£400	£400
Tiers 2 & 4 & 5 Small Sponsor	£950	£400	£400
Tier 2 Medium /Large Sponsor Licence, where they already hold Tier 4 &/or 5 Licence	£950	£600	£600
Tier 4 &/or 5 Sponsor Licence, where they already hold Tier 2 Small Sponsor Licence	£950	£100	£100
Tier 4 Highly Trusted Sponsor Licence	£950	£400	£400
Sponsor Action Plan	£1,100	£600	£1,000
Tier 5 COS	£25	£10	£10
Tier 4 CAS	£25	£10	£10

CESC = Council of Europe Social Charter Nationals

Fees to be Implemented from 22 November 2010

Non PBS Visas				
		Current Fees		New Proposal
Products	Unit Cost	Main applicant	Main applicant	Main applicant
Visit visa - long 2 year	£140	£230		£245
Visit visa - long 5 year	£141	£420		£450
Visit visa - long 10 year	£155	£610		£650
Settlement	£249	£644		£750
Settlement - Dependant Relative	£272	£1,680		£1,680
Other Visa	£115	£230		£245
PBS Visas				
		Current Fees		New Proposal
Products	Unit Cost	Main applicant	Main applicant	Main applicant
Tier 1 (Gen, Investor, Ent)	£332	£690		£750
Tier 1 (Gen & Ent) CESC	£332	£629		£700
Tier 2	£197	£270		£350
Tier 2 CESC	£196	£250		£300

Nationality Applications - Migrants In UK					
		Current Fees		New Proposal	
Products	Unit Cost	Main applicant	Dependant	Main applicant	Dependant
Naturalisation 6 (1) Single *	£208	£735	N/A	£780	N/A
Naturalisation 6 (1) Joint *	£231	£930	N/A	£1010	N/A
Naturalisation 6 (2) *	£208	£735	N/A	£780	N/A
Nationality Registration Adult *	£208	£550	N/A	£580	N/A
Nationality Registration Single Minor	£208	£470	N/A	£500	N/A
Nationality Registration Multiple Minors	£255	£567	£97	£600	£150

*£80 per person for the Citizenship Ceremony is included in these fees.

Non PBS Routes - Migrants In UK					
		Current Fees		New Proposal	
Products	Unit Cost	Main applicant	Dependant	Main applicant	Dependant
ILR Postal	£341	£840	£129	£900	£250
ILR PEO	£256	£1,095	£154	£1,250	£350
ILR Postal CESC	£341	£767	£121	£850	£250
ILR PEO CESC	£256	£992	£144	£1,100	£300
ILR Dependant Relative Postal	£341	£1,680	N/A	£1,680	N/A
ILR Dependant Relative PEO	£256	£1,930	N/A	£2,050	N/A
LTR Non Student Postal Main	£419	£475	£92	£500	£150
LTR Non Student PEO Main	£348	£730	£118	£800	£200
FLR (IED) (Postal)	£210	£400	£85	£500	£150
FLR (IED) (PEO)	£210	£650	£110	£800	£200
FLR (BUS) (Postal)	£210	£800	£125	£850	£250
Transfer of Conditions PEO	£341	£578	£57	£600	£150
Mobile Case working (Premium+)	£1,982	£15,000	N/A	£15,000	N/A
Employment LTR outside PBS Postal	£419	£475	£92	£500	£150
Employment LTR outside PBS PEO	£348	£730	£118	£800	£200

PBS Routes - Migrants In UK					
Products	Unit Cost	Current Fees		New Proposal	
		Main applicant	Dependant	Main applicant	Dependant
Tier 1 General, Investor & Ent - Postal	£317	£840	£129	£850	£250
Tier 1 General, Investor & Ent PEO	£288	£1,095	£154	£1,150	£300
Tier 1 General/Ent - Postal CESC	£317	£767	£121	£770	£250
Tier 1 General/Ent PEO CESC	£288	£992	£144	£1,000	£300
Tier 1 (Post Study) - Postal	£317	£550	£100	£550	£150
Tier 1 (Post Study) - PEO	£325	£800	£125	£850	£250
Tier 1 Transition Postal	£259	£408	£85	£500	£150
Tier 1 Transition PEO	£275	£663	£111	£700	£200
Tier 2 - Postal	£344	£475	£92	£500	£150
Tier 2 - PEO	£330	£730	£118	£800	£200
Tier 2 - Postal CESC	£344	£434	£88	£450	£150
Tier 2 - PEO CESC	£330	£669	£111	£700	£200
Tier 4 - PEO	£374	£628	£107	£650	£150
Tier 5 - PEO	£369	£578	£57	£600	£150
Tier 5 - PEO CESC	£380	£521	£52	£550	£150

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Products	Unit Cost	Current Fees	New Proposal
Tier 2 Medium /Large Sponsor Licence	£880	£1,000	£1,000
Tiers 2 & 5 Medium /Large Sponsor	£880	£1,000	£1,000
Tiers 2 & 5 Medium /Large Sponsor	£880	£1,000	£1,000
Tiers 2 & 4 & 5 Medium /Large Sponsor	£950	£1,000	£1,000
Tier 2 COS	£25	£170	£170

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