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## **Our Fees**

This guidance note provides you with more information about our fees as well as what they include and exclude

At Elaahi & Co Solicitors, we believe in being absolutely transparent with our clients from the very beginning about how much they will spend at each stage of their case. This means that we will always have an initial face-to-face meeting with you and we will then agree a fee with you at the outset for each stage of your matter. We will also set out exactly what work will be covered in the fee we are going to be charging you.

## **Immigration**

Some examples of the fees we usually charge are set out below:

- applications for naturalisation or registration under the British Nationality Act 1981. We usually charge between £3000 to £4000 for these applications.
- applications on behalf of European Economic Area (EEA) nationals and their family members under the applicable EEA Regulations or Immigration Rules, including applications for permanent residence, residence cards, registration certificates, and settled status. We usually charge between £3000 to £4000 for these applications.
- applications under the Immigration Rules, including:
  - student and work experience visas;
  - visit visas (for tourism, or visiting friends / family);
  - spouse and partners applications; including fiancé(e)s or proposed civil partners, dependent relatives;
  - o applications for work, business or study under the Points-Based System;
  - o family reunion applications;
  - o ancestry visas;
  - o ther categories, such as applications on the basis of long residence.

We usually charge between £4000 to £6000 for these applications.

• advice and representation at the First-tier Tribunal in relation to appeals against Home Office visa or immigration decisions. We usually charge between £5000 to £6000 for appeals.

The above fees are based on the average amount of time spent on these cases and its complexity. The fee agreed for your matter may be higher depending on the factual and legal complexity of your case, whether your application meets the requirements of the relevant law or is being made outside the requirements (on human rights grounds) as well as the amount of research and evidence required to support your case.

Please bear in mind that certain cases are complex. These include:

- asylum applications
- trafficking claims
- statelessness applications
- human rights/private life applications
- applications for Secretary of State immigration bail
- reconsideration and legacy requests
- judicial review, such as claims for unlawful detention
- immigration services to businesses (e.g. applications for certificates of sponsorship or confirmation of acceptance for studies)

If you need assistance with any of these matters, please call us 0203 930 3831 to book an appointment with us so that we can carefully consider your circumstances before setting out our fees.

## **VAT & disbursements**

The fees agreed between us at the outset will not include the following:

- VAT (If you reside outside the European Union no VAT is chargeable)
- Interpreting or translating costs (these fees can range between £30 to £45 per hour)
- Home Office fees
- NHS surcharges
- Tribunal or court fees

 Other costs payable to organisations which are incurred by us as your representative for example independent expert fees. These are not required in every case and we will let you know if we consider them necessary and seek your authorisation before obtaining them.

## **Family**

Problems revolving around your family can be as unique as your family is. This means that it is difficult to predict what we will charge you without considering all the circumstances. At Elaahi & Co Solicitors, we believe in providing you with a holistic solution to you problem rather than an off-the-shelf service.

If you are going through a divorce, a financial dispute with your spouse or your partner is preventing you from having contact with your children, please call us 0203 930 3831 to book an appointment with us so that we can understand your concerns and worries. We will then be able to advise you clearly about how we can help you and the fees we will charge.