

Eligibility, Government & Logistical Costs of Immigration to the UK

For ease of reference, MindMill has taken the liberty to summarise the potential Government and Logistical Costs associated with immigration. Please note all costs are estimated and as collected from publicly available sources and may change at any time without notice. These fees are not payable to MindMill and are merely illustrative of General Immigration costs that may be incurred.

General Immigration Costs

Immigration is an expensive process as government fees for Visas, National Health Insurance, Tests, Application fees etc. add up quickly. Employers will typically only cover Sponsorship Fees and Immigration Skills Charges. Successful candidates would have to cover the personal immigration costs. No fees would be payable until an offer has been accepted, a Certificate of Sponsorship issued and guarantees delivered. Therefore there is no risk to the applicant.

MindMill only provides linkages to potential employers and facilitate the recruitment process and can refer candidates to Immigration Lawyers if required. SA Passport holders not currently eligible to live/work in the UK will also be considered and the following needs to be noted:

Important Information

- Candidates must Qualify to apply for a Tier 2 General visa or similar <https://www.gov.uk/tier-2-general>
- Candidates without a Recognised Qualifying NARIC equivalent B Degree would need to write the IELTS VI English Language Exam <https://www.britishcouncil.org.za/exam/ielts/dates-fees-locations> (ZAR3,720* candidate costs for IELTS Exam and/or NARIC fees from GBP £100*)
- Financial ability to cover Embassy Visa Application Fees (GBP £750* per person directly to UK Home Office)
- You must be tested for tuberculosis (TB) if you are coming to the UK for more than 6 months and are from South Africa, Lesotho or Swaziland. Costs are currently approximately £100* per person.
- Financial ability to cover National Health Surcharge at £400* per person per year for three years minimum. (Payable in advance with Visa Application directly to UK Home Office)
- Solicitors/Immigration Lawyer's Fees of £1,000*
- Financial ability to cover physical relocation of self and dependents
- Proof of at least £1,000* in personal savings to sustain your first month in the UK

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Candidate Cost Example

Illustrative Example, fees to cover the immigration costs for a candidate plus partner and two children:

Item	Per Person	Family of 4 Example
IELTS Exam/NARIC Fees:	from £200*	from £200*
Home Office VISA Application Fees:	£750*	£3,000*
National Health Surcharge & Tuberculosis Testing:	£1,200*	£4,800*
Tuberculosis Tests:	£100*	£400*
Solicitor's Fees:	£1,000*	£1,000*
Relocation Travel & Initial Accommodation:	£2,000*	£5,000*
Personal Savings:	£1,000*	£1,000*
TOTAL	£6,250*	from £15,400*

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Applicants should note however that immigration is a costly exercise. Employers will generally only cover Sponsorship Fees and Immigration Skills Charges. Successful candidates would have to cover the personal/direct immigration costs as per the example above.