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# U.K. IMMIGRATION LAW SERVICES (IMMLAW)

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## WHY THE U.K.?

For many years the United Kingdom has been one of the most favoured locations for international companies and high net worth individuals to base their operations and home. The UK's popularity has been due to a combination of the English language, a benign tax regime for foreign nationals, and its position as one of the world's leading trading and financial centres.

In addition, in order to compete in the global economy, many British based businesses constantly need to recruit highly skilled individuals from outside the UK to fill job vacancies.

In all these areas, the complicated UK immigration system has to be navigated, and failure to do so successfully can be disastrous.

## OUR SERVICES

Our highly experienced Immigration Department headed by our Senior Partner Graeme Kirk has since 1981 acted for many international businesses and individuals coming to the UK and for many British based companies ranging from multi national corporations to sole traders, who have wished to employ foreign nationals. We have also acted for many private individuals and families wishing to make their home in the UK.

We provide a full service in all aspects of UK immigration law (other than asylum) and are recognised nationally and internationally as one of the leading UK firms specialising in immigration.



## THE MAJOR U.K. IMMIGRATION CATEGORIES

We provide best advice to clients on all the following U.K. immigration categories:-

### **1. CATEGORIES LEADING TO PERMANENT RESIDENCE**

- (A) Work Permits
- (B) Highly Skilled Migrant Permits
- (C) Sole Representatives
- (D) Business Investors
- (E) Innovators
- (F) Self-employed applications
- (G) Self-employed artists, writers and composers
- (H) Commonwealth ancestral cases
- (I) Investors
- (J) Retired persons of independent means
- (K) Spouse and un-married partner and civil partner applications
- (L) Dependant Relatives
- (M) EEA applications

### **2. TEMPORARY CATEGORIES**

- (A) Visitors
- (B) Students
- (C) Working holidaymakers
- (D) Training and work experience permits
- (E) Student Internships
- (F) International Graduates Scheme



## BRITISH CITIZENSHIP

British citizenship and the right to a British passport may be acquired in various ways.

Sometimes there is an immediate and automatic right to British citizenship by reason of birth in the U.K. or descent from a parent born in the U.K.

Certain people are entitled to registration as British citizens generally because of some existing link with the U.K.

Others may, as a matter of discretion, be naturalised as British citizens after three or five years here if they satisfy certain conditions.

We can advise on all types of applications for British citizenship.

## HOW WE CAN HELP

Tackling the U.K.'s immigration and nationality system is usually a difficult and time-consuming task, so professional advice is essential.

Being familiar with the complex statute and case law, Immigration Rules and Government practice and procedure, we will be pleased to assist in:

- Providing initial advice on status and prospects of applications.
- Preparing and submitting properly documented applications for residence, work permits and citizenship.
- Establishing direct contact with Government officials dealing with each case in order to progress applications.
- Attending in person at the Home Office and London international airports.
- Advising on and carrying out Appeals.

Meetings can be arranged at short notice in London or East Anglia, or alternatively at Clients' premises, and advice provided promptly by e-mail, letter, fax and telephone.

## IMMIGRATION ADVISERS

Graeme Kirk is the Senior Partner of Gross & Co and Head of our Immigration Department. He has specialised in UK immigration law since 1980 and is recognised as one of the leading U.K. immigration lawyers in national and international directories, acting for numerous U.K. and international companies and also private individuals and as a consultant to many law firms in the U.K. and overseas. He was Chairman of the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee of the International Bar Association from 2000 to 2004 and has chaired and spoken at Immigration Conferences and seminars throughout the world over the last twenty years. He is a long standing member of the Immigration Law Practitioners' Association.

Graeme is assisted by Sohan Sidhu who is a highly experienced solicitor who has specialised in U.K. immigration law for over 10 years including many family-related cases and work permit applications and by Gill Freeman, who holds a Diploma in Immigration Law and who is a highly experienced immigration adviser specialising in work permits.

The Department has combined experience of over 50 years in advising on immigration matters.



## PROFESSIONAL CHARGES

We offer fixed quotations or firm estimates for all types of applications, and otherwise charge at an agreed hourly rate. VAT and disbursements are additional charges.

For further information, please contact Graeme Kirk, Sohan Sidhu or Gill Freeman, and ask for the IMMILAW Service.

## ADDITIONAL SERVICES

We can provide assistance to commercial and private clients ourselves or through our associates and contacts in the U.K. and overseas in the following areas:-

- Company and commercial law
- Employment law
- Property law
- Civil and commercial litigation
- Family law
- Tax planning and asset protection
- Formation and administration of overseas companies and trusts
- Introduction to Accountants, Bankers and Financial Advisers

## VISALAW INTERNATIONAL

We are proud to be one of the founder members of Visalaw International, the first world wide alliance of immigration law. Through Visalaw International we can provide immigration advice and assistance in many other countries of the world including the USA, Canada, Germany, Australia, South Africa and China, and also manage your outbound immigration requirements. Please contact Graeme Kirk for further information.



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This leaflet is written as a general guide and reflects the law as at 1st May 2007. It is recommended that specific professional advice is sought before any decision is taken.