



Immigration

Taylor Wessing's Immigration Group advises both corporate and individual clients on all aspects of entry to or remaining in the UK.

Our clients come to the UK from all over the world, particularly from Australasia, Canada, the Far East, India, Israel and the US. Our clients range from individuals to large multinationals.

As a full service law firm, we are able to call on the additional expertise of our corporate, finance, and IP departments for corporate clients with business interests in the UK and our private client department (almost unique for a city law firm) for high net worth individuals.

Many of the difficulties faced in relation to immigration and nationality issues are due to unpublished regulations. In view of our daily contact with the Home Office, Foreign Office, Borders & Immigration Agency and our familiarity with the rules, procedures, and the unpublished regulations, we are able to provide highly comprehensive specialised advice.

Domestic immigration

Every current and prospective employer needs to be aware of the provisions relating to the transfer or recruitment of overseas nationals to the UK. Taylor Wessing has extensive experience in corporate immigration matters and for many years has had a dedicated group providing advice to companies and individuals working in the United Kingdom.

Our work involves assisting these companies and individuals in obtaining the relevant approvals to work and/or continue to reside in the United Kingdom. As well as securing entry clearances, we also advise on appeals when original applications have been refused.

International immigration

The Immigration group advises many multinational companies as well as smaller privately owned inward investors on their immigration issues when planning to start or expand a UK business. This advice is coupled with advice on a number of other issues involving the establishment of UK business, such as stock options, choice of entity and method of trading (please see our publication - Doing Business in the UK).

We are also in close contact with UK Trade & Investment (the UK Government department responsible for inward investment), and with all of the Regional Development Agencies who can provide us with support for difficult applications.

At the heart of our approach, is our commitment to finding a commercial solution. This does not necessarily involve making the obvious application. Long and short-term aims need to be considered in order to put the right people in the right place at the right time.

Our services

We advise on every aspect of UK corporate immigration and nationality law each day including:

- Global immigration planning
- Business visitors
- Sole representatives
- Highly skilled migrants
- Work permits
- Innovators
- Investors and retired persons of independent means
- Businessmen
- Working holiday-makers
- Training and work experience applications
- Entry clearance/visa applications
- Settlement and citizenship
- Employers' liability under the Asylum & Immigration Act 1996

Our services are highly focused and cost effective. We can operate on fixed fee and contingency arrangements.

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