



Costs for appeals to the First Tier Tribunal

It should be noted that you only have the right to appeal a Home Office visa or immigration decision in a limited number of specific cases. You will usually be told in your decision letter if you have the right to appeal. You may be able to ask the Home Office for an administrative review if you do not have the right to appeal.

Hourly rate: £306 and £372 (including VAT) depending on the seniority of your solicitor.

The solicitors at Paris Smith who specialise in immigration work are Jane Biddlecombe, Tabytha Cunningham and Charlotte Farrell.

Initial fixed fee meeting (one hour): £300 (including VAT)

At this meeting we will give you some initial advice about whether you have the right to appeal the Home Office's visa or immigration decision and, if so, the grounds on which you may appeal and the process which will need to be followed. There is no obligation on you to take any further advice from us after this meeting.

Timescale

If you are appealing from within the UK, you will usually have 14 days to appeal after the date of your decision. If you are appealing from outside the UK, you will usually have 28 days to appeal after the date of your decision. It is therefore vital that you contact us for advice as soon as you receive your decision.

Further advice on your appeal

On average, this type of work takes between 15 and 35 hours to complete. This means that on average costs are between £4,590 and £13,020. All figures include VAT unless specifically stated.

The exact number of hours it will take depends on the circumstances in your case, such as:

- the complexity of your case and the amount of assistance you require;
- whether we draft the grounds of appeal, the amount of evidence you are relying on and how many relevant witnesses there are;
- the amount of ad-hoc queries you have in relation to your appeal;
- whether your appeal is considered on the appeal form and documents only or whether you have an oral hearing.

If you are able to provide the information we require at the outset, you are relying on limited amounts of evidence and you do not have many witnesses, the cost is likely to be at the lower end of this range. If you need to gather together significant amounts of information, you are relying on a large amount of evidence and you have many witnesses, the cost is likely to be at the higher end of this range.

What services are included?

The work will involve:

- discussing your circumstances in detail and confirming whether you have the right to appeal the Home Office's visa or immigration decision and, if so, the grounds on which you may appeal and the process which will need to be followed;
- considering the supporting evidence you have provided, which we anticipate will take two to four hours. The amount of hours depends on the number of documents, whether they need to be translated, whether anything is missing and the amount of assistance you require to obtain the missing documents;
- drafting instructions to your Barrister (see below), which we anticipate will take two to three hours;
- preparing documents including your grounds of appeal (if this is not done by your Barrister), appeal application, hearing bundle (which will include the evidence that you are relying on) and any relevant witness statements. We anticipate that this will take between 10 and 25 hours depending on whether we draft the grounds of appeal, the amount of evidence you are relying on and how many relevant witnesses there are;
- liaising between you and your Barrister including arranging a conference with your Barrister (if appropriate) and dealing with any requests for further information;
- giving you advice about any further steps you need to take.

The costs quoted here do not include:

- any Tribunal fees for making your appeal
- disbursements. These include any mileage/travel expenses and costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties including your Barrister (see below);
- where the Tribunal refuses your appeal, advice and assistance in relation to any further appeal to the Upper Tribunal

Barristers' fees

It will usually be necessary for us to instruct a Barrister to advise you on your case and to represent you at any appeal hearing. The costs of your Barrister are not included in the costs information given above.

Barrister's hourly rate: £250 to £350 (including VAT) depending on the seniority of your Barrister.