

UK Visas Tier System

The new UK visa Tier system consists of the following 5 categories:

- Tier 1 visa Migrants with desirable professional skills.
- Tier 2 visa Skilled workers with an offer of employment.
- Tier 3 visa Temporary, low skilled workers.
- Tier 4 visa Students.
- Tier 5 visa Youth mobility schemes/ temporary workers.

Tiers 1 and 2 of the system will offer potential routes to settlement in Britain and may lead to the opportunity to apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain in the UK (ILR), often known as permanent residency. Although details are yet to be finalized, it is estimated that the option of permanent residence would be available after two years for applicants in the first tier and after five years for applicants in the second. Beyond this, subject to meeting the appropriate requirements, an applicant may be able to undergo British Naturalization as a UK citizen.

In Tiers 2-5 applicants will need to obtain a certificate of sponsorship from the relevant sponsoring body. For tier 2 visas this would be a sponsoring British company, for tier 3 visas the operator of a specific worker scheme, for tier 4 visas the educational institution and for tier 5 visas the home Government of the candidate. (from www.tier12345.co.uk)

The Tier 1, is a points based visa service specifically designed to attract the most gifted individuals to the United Kingdom. In addition applying for a UK work permit (Tier 2), allows a British company to sponsor an overseas worker to come to Britain and contribute to the British economy by bringing their skills to the domestic workforce.

Business based British visas take a variety of forms:

The Entrepreneur visa allows experienced business people to live and work in Great Britain, investing capital and starting a business within the United Kingdom.

Alternatively, applicants may come to Britain on a self-employed visa, with a pioneering idea under an innovator visa or simply to invest in the British economy through an Investor visa.

British visa applications under these entire routes offer the potential to apply for Indefinite leave to remain in the UK (ILR) or permanent residency as it is often known.

Applicants can switch when appropriate from one route to another and Ancer can manage applications for permanent residence and later British naturalisation as a UK citizen.

Other UK Immigration Solutions

As well as business based applications for visas for Britain, we can also help you to obtain any of the range of visas for UK immigration, which allow people to train or study in Britain, and to experience life in the United Kingdom.

A study permit, or student visa (Tier 4) application, allows international students to study in the UK experiencing the culture and environment of the United Kingdom whilst at University. Beyond a study visa for the UK, schemes such as the International Graduate Scheme, and the Fresh Talent: Working in Scotland programme allow students to experience working in the UK for a limited time.

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