

# UNITED KINGDOM

**RESIDENCY PROGRAM** 



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**PROGRAM SUMMARY** 





Capital city: London



Languages: English



Visa free countries: 183



Currency: Pound Sterling £



Total area: 242,495 km<sup>2</sup>



Nearest country: France



Population: 67 million (2019)



Time zone: Greenwich

Mean Time (UTC)



#### **UK Residency Program**

United Kingdom, island country located off the northwestern coast of mainland Europe. The United Kingdom comprises the whole of the island of Great Britain—which contains England, Wales, and Scotland—as well as the northern portion of the island of Ireland. The name Britain is sometimes used to refer to the United Kingdom as a whole. The capital is London, which is among the world's leading commercial, financial, and cultural centers. Other major cities include Birmingham, Liverpool, and Manchester in England, Belfast and Londonderry in Northern Ireland, Edinburgh and Glasgow in Scotland, and Swansea and Cardiff in Wales.

The United Kingdom is one of the most connected countries in the world and a highly desired destination for private clients. At its center is the capital city of London, a cultural phenomenon that attracts people of virtually every nation in the world. The UK's financial and commercial reach has contributed to the country's reputation as a safe investment environment.

#### **Application Process**

The basic elements of a residency application are as follows:

- Visa application/Leave to Enter application this is submitted via the visa application center in the applicant's home country or country of residence and typically entitles a person to enter the UK to work and reside for an initial period of three years
- Extension Application this typically entitles a person to remain in the UK for a further two years
- Settlement/Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) application – after a period of five years continuous legal residence the applicant may apply to remain in the UK indefinitely
- All applicants from outside of the European Union need to submit biometric information – fingerprint scans and digital photographs (this will be performed at the visa application centre in the country of application). However, applicants are very rarely required to attend an actual interview at the visa application center in the country of application

In order to secure indefinite leave to remain, after five years of residency, an applicant will have to pass the "Life in the UK" test as evidence of being involved in UK society.

#### **Investment Options**

UK residence permit can be obtained in two ways:

- Sole Representative Visa
- Investor Visa

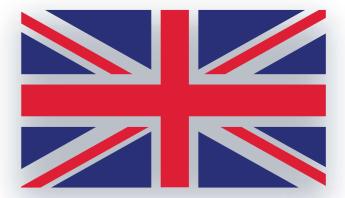
#### **Sole Representative Visa**

Settlement in the UK or British citizenship through representative of overseas businesses.

Application for Representative of an overseas business is designed to establish a wholly-owned subsidiary or register a branch in the UK in the same business activity as the parent company. Business must appoint a sole representative and give its Representative full authority to establish and register a branch or subsidiary in the UK.

#### Stages:

- Initial application will be granted for 3 years
- Extension application will be granted for further 2 years
- Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) You maybe eligible to apply for an ILR at the end of the qualifying period of 5 years provided that you meet the requirements of immigration rules
- British Citizenship you may be eligible to apply for British Citizenship provided that you meet the requirements of immigration rules





## REPRESENTATIVE OF AN OVERSEAS BUSINESS

# Representative of an overseas business initial application (outside the UK).

Sole Representative (Representative) and his/her employer will have to meet the following requirements:

- The business must have its headquarters and principal place of business outside the United Kingdom
- Representative must be employed in a senior position for a minimum of 6 months and have the knowledge of the business to act as its representative in the UK i.e. department director or senior management
- Representative must not be a majority shareholder of the overseas business i.e. hold less than 30% shares in the company
- Representative must meet English Language requirement equivalent to level A1 or above of the Council of Europe's Common European Framework for Language Learning
- Representative must be able to maintain and accommodate himself and any dependants adequately without recourse to public funds. (This can be certified by the parent company in writing)

# His/Her employer must provide the following:

- Full description of the company's activities, including details of the company's assets and accounts and the company share distribution for the previous year
- Confirm in writing that the overseas company will establish a wholly-owned subsidiary or register a branch in the UK in the same business activity as the parent company
- Representative's job description, salary details and contract of employment
- Confirm that the Representative is fully familiar with the company's activities and have full powers to negotiate and take operational decisions without reference to the parent company, and

- Notarized statement which confirms that:
  - a. The Representative will be their sole representative in the UK
  - b. The company has no other branch, subsidiary or representative in the UK
  - c. Its operations will remain centered overseas
  - d. The Representative will not engage in business of your own nor represent any other company's interest

Leave to enter will be granted:

- a. For a period of 3 years
- b. Leave to enter under this route will be subject to the following conditions:
  - (i) no recourse to public funds
  - (ii)registration with the police, if this is required by paragraph 326 of these Rules, and
  - (iii)no employment, other than working for the business which the applicant was admitted to represent





# Representative of an overseas business extension application (inside the UK)

Sole Representative (Representative) and his/her employer will have to meet the following requirements:

- The business must still have its headquarters and principal place of business outside the United Kingdom
- Representative is employed and intends to continue to be employed full-time as a sole representative of the overseas business
- Representative must still not be a majority shareholder of the overseas business i.e. hold less than 30% shares in the company
- Representative must meet English Language requirement equivalent to level A1 or above of the Council of Europe's Common European Framework for Language Learning
- Representative must be able to maintain and accommodate himself and any dependants adequately without recourse to public funds. (This can be certified by the parent company in writing)

- Full description of the company's activities, including details of the company's assets and accounts and the company share distribution for the previous year
- Confirm in writing that the overseas company has establish a wholly-owned subsidiary or register a branch in the UK in the same business activity as the parent company
- Representative's job description, salary details and contract of employment
- Evidence that the Representative has been receiving salary in the last 12 months to the application
- Notarized statement which confirms that:
  - a. Parent company established a branch or a subsidiary in the UK
  - Representative is still required to be their sole representative in the UK and they will continue to their employment
  - The company has no other branch, subsidiary or representative in the UK
  - d. Its operations will remain centered overseas
  - e. Representative will not engage in business of your own nor represent any other company's interest

# Indefinite leave to remain under representative of an overseas business route (inside the UK)

- Representative will need to meet the requirements listed under Extension application above
- Must be of good character i.e. no criminal or civil convictions including driving offenses and county court judgements for unpaid fines
- Must not be absent from the UK for more than 180 days in any consecutive 12 months over the period of 5 years
- Must have been present in the UK at the beginning of stated 5 year period



#### **Investor Visa**

**Tier 1 Investor visa** is intended for those who are willing to invest in the UK no less than £2,000,000.

Investor visa, or a residence permit on the "investor" category or Tier (1 Investor) - can be formalized for the whole family (spouses and children under 18).

Initially the visa is issued for three years and four months (in the case of investments of £ 2,000,000, with the following extension for two years).

It is possible to travel outside the UK on an investor visa up to 180 days a year.

It is important that the applicant for an investor visa to the UK does not need to confirm his/her knowledge of the English language and does not need to prove the availability of funds for family residence in the UK.

The candidate is deemed to be wealthy enough in order not to work.

There is no need to provide his/her plans on business development to immigration office, in contrast to the candidates applying for an entrepreneur visa.

The terms of obtaining permanent residence and citizenship of the UK depend on the amount of investment, namely:

- Investment of £ 2,000,000 the permanent residence is obtained in five years and the citizenship of UK on the sixth year.
- Investment of £ 5,000,000 the permanent residence is obtained in three years and the citizenship of UK on the fifthyear.
- Investment of £ 10,000,000 the permanent residence is obtained in two years and the citizenship of UK on the fifthyear.

Along with the investment of personal funds it is possible to use borrowed funds provided by the British financial institutions.

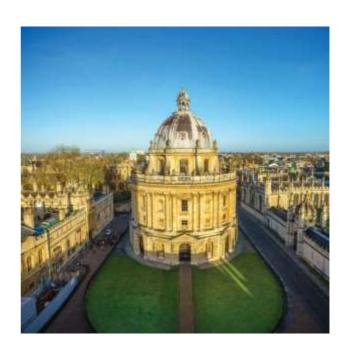
According to the immigration rules, along with the investment of personal funds, the investor has the ability to use borrowed funds that should be obtained in the British financial institutions:

- A loan of £ 2,000,000 may be obtained under the condition that "investor" has the financial means of no less than £ 4,000,000.
- A loan of £ 5,000,000 may be obtained under the condition that "investor" has the financial means of no less than £ 10,000,000.
- A loan of £ 10,000,000 may be obtained under the condition that "investor" has the financial means of no less than £20,000,000.

Funds and assets owned by a spouse or a partner can also be considered in the evaluation of private means of the "investor".

# Conditions for obtaining Tier 1 (Investor) visa:

The candidate has free financial means in the amount of £ 2,000,000 and is ready to invest them in the UK economy through the purchase of the British governmental / corporate bonds, shares of UK companies or through the investment of funds in the existing companies registered in the UK.





Investments in real estate or means placed on the general deposits in the bank are not taken into account.

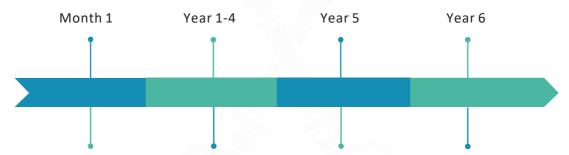
The candidate can take a bank loan in the UK financial institutions for investments worth no less than £ 2,000,000. In this case it is necessary to show the availability of financial means of no less than £ 4,000,000.

In making an assessment of the candidate financial means the funds and assets owned by his spouse, partner in a civil marriage or same-sex partner can be considered.

#### **Summary of KeyAdvantages**

- Visa free travel throughout the UK & CTA
- Application is processed in as little as 24 hours
- London is one of the world's most prominent financial, commercial and cultural hubs
- Very high standard of education provided by world - renowned boarding schools and universities
- Member of the G8
- A key member of the EU, which means greater business opportunities throughout Europe

#### **Application Process**



Apply for visa.
Collect visa.
Enter country.
Make investment
within 90 days.

No more than 180 days absent from the country each year.
Year 3 apply for visa extension.

Permanent residence granted. No more than 90 days absent from the country.

UK citizenship may be granted provided no more than 450 days were spent outside the UK in the previous five years.





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