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British Visa for Entrepreneurs and Investors

International Visa Application & Business Support Services

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Residence Visa or Second Passport

Azad Corporate is a British company, with head office in London and branch offices in Istanbul, Hong Kong and Dubai.

Many high net worth individuals seek a residence visa or second passport to ensure that they can protect their financial assets and family by moving them to an international domicile such as Britain or other European countries.

The British Government is keen to attract international business people with innovative ideas and investment capital, to live and work in Britain.



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United Kingdom

Largest Cities in the UK
 This is a list of the largest cities in the United Kingdom. Note that the population statistic for London refers to Greater London

City	Population
London	7.2 Million
Birmingham	992000
Leeds	720000
Glasgow	560000
Sheffield	512000
Bradford	467000
Edinburgh	450000
Liverpool	440000
Manchester	420000
Bristol	380000
Wakefield	316000
Cardiff	310000
Coventry	305000
Nottingham	285000
Leicester	280000
Sunderland	280000
Belfast	280000
Newcastle upon Tyne	259000
Brighton	248000
Hull	240000
Plymouth	240000
Stoke-on-Trent	239000
Wolverhampton	239000
Derby	230000
Swansea	225000
Southampton	220000
Salford	215000
Aberdeen	215000
Westminster	190000

The population of the United Kingdom is estimated at 63,489,234 as of July 1 2014.

U.K.'s population is equivalent to 0.88% of the total world population.

The U.K. ranks number 22 in the list of countries by population

ENTREPRENEUR VISA

For entrepreneurs who want to set up and manage their own business in Britain, the requirements for UK Entrepreneur Visa are:

- 1) Must show that you have at least GB£200,000 of own Capital deposited in your Personal Bank Account, at a reputable and approved Bank, for at least past 3 months, ready to invest in starting the new Business. Proof of source of funds is very important as UK Authorities will check to see whether it is actually your own money, or have you just borrowed it from friends or family.
- 2) The requirement to have GB£200,000 of personal capital is lowered to GB£50,000 if you can show that you have sourced external venture capital of GB£150,000 from a venture fund approved by the UK Financial Services Authority.
- 3) Since 2014, the UK Visa authorities have introduced a “Genuine Entrepreneur Test” , so the quality of the Business Plan which you submit as part of your visa application must be credible and financially viable. Azad Corporate and our panel of Accountants and Business Consultants can assist with writing a well researched, compelling business plan.
- 4) Must show that you have basic minimum savings of GB£3,500 in your bank account to cover your initial living costs in UK, and thereafter your business plan should show how your business will support your future ongoing living costs in the UK.
- 5) Must have attained a satisfactory IELTS test score in all 4 modules of reading, writing, speaking and listening , to prove that you have high level of English language skills.

6) Successful applicants must transfer the GB£200,000 over to a bank located in Britain within 3 months from date of visa being granted and must start their new business in UK within 6 months of being granted the Visa, and must be resident in UK for at least 183 days per year.

7) Entrepreneur must register as a “Self-Employed “ person for income tax with UK Tax authorities. As an Employer and trading business the New Company must register for Corporation Tax, Value Added Tax and for National Health Insurance, with the UK Tax authorities known as Her Majesty`s Revenue Commissioners (HMRC)

8) Temporary Residence Visa is granted for a period of 3 years and 4 months, then if Entrepreneur can show that he or she is successfully operating their business, the Entrepreneur can apply for a 2 year visa extension. Then after 5 years you can apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) also known as a long term Settlement Visa which may then be granted for an indefinite period, to permit the Entrepreneur to live in UK long term.

9) In order to qualify for a Visa extension, Entrepreneur must show that the new business has created jobs for at least 2 full time employees based in Britain. Entrepreneurs who create a business that employs 10 or more full time people in the UK , or who create a business with annual revenues in excess of GB£5 million may make a fast track application sooner than 5 years, for Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) also known as a long term Settlement Visa.

10) If an “Entrepreneurial Team” of two or more people wish to start a new business together in the UK, then each individual entrepreneur must invest a minimum of GB£100,000 each, to reach the total investment level of GB£200,000

11) An Entrepreneur can apply for additional Visa to have his or her dependent family members such as spouse, children, parent or civil partner also reside in the UK.

ENTREPRENEUR VISA

12) Supporting documentation which you must provide as part of your Entrepreneur Visa Application, includes:

- Current Passport
- Business Plan
- Proof of available funds
- Evidence that you can support yourself and your family living costs while in UK.
- Proof of English Language test score
- Tuberculosis and Health Test results.
- Certified translation of all documents in to English
- Evidence of any education or professional qualifications.
- Evidence of any employment record or work experience in your home country.
- Evidence of any current business operating experience, or lack of experience
- Evidence of any previous immigration applications.
- Evidence of Marriage Certificate or Birth Certificate relevant to your family
- Do you have any direct family such as Mother, Father, Brother, Sister, Uncle, Aunt or other relation currently living in UK.
- Show that you intend to make UK your main home, and explain if you will sell your other properties or businesses which you currently own.
- Show that you have close connection to UK, such as having relatives in UK or having existing business contacts with Customers, Suppliers or trading partners in UK.
- Where do you plan to live when in UK. Have you sourced accommodation .

13) Initial proof of your GB£200,000 capital funds should show that you have the money lodged to a bank account in your personal name, held at an approved bank in your home country. But it also could help your Visa application if you can show that you plan to incorporate a new Company with registered office in UK, and that both you personally and your company will open a UK Bank Account with an approved UK Bank. Show which UK Bank you intend to open account with.

14) We recommend that you apply for a Visa at least 3 months before date that you wish to travel. It usually takes at least 4 weeks for Visa office to process your application and to issue a decision to grant or refuse your application.

15) Application fees are charged by the Visa office and there are extra fees for each visa application relating to a spouse or family member. Azad Corporate Services charges for the value added consultancy and support services which we provide both prior to visa application and after business has commenced trading in UK. Upon request Azad can provide a full list of our fees and cost of Visa application support and business consultancy services.

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Visa Support & Consultancy Services for Entrepreneurs

To ensure that every clients gets the best advice, Azad Corporate liaises with a support panel of independent expert Immigration Lawyers, Business Accountants and Foreign Exchange professionals, who can advise each Entrepreneur about the optimum way to structure their Visa application, so as to maximise the value of the business opportunity and to reduce risk of the visa application being rejected.

Aside from just complying with Government Regulation and preparing support documents required as part of the Visa application process, Azad Corporate is run by entrepreneurs with long experience of managing businesses in Britain and international markets, so we understand what it takes to start up and operate a successful business in Britain.

ENTREPRENEUR VISA

Useful Resources for Entrepreneurs

1. <http://www.britishpakistanfoundation.com>

The British Pakistan Foundation (BPF) was established to act as a key facilitator and intermediary between the British Pakistani diaspora and government in the UK and Pakistan.

2. www.iranea.com

Iran Entrepreneurship Association supports Entrepreneurs in Iran

3. <https://www.googleforentrepreneurs.com>

Google for Entrepreneurs – London Campus is situated at 4-5 Bonhill Street London EC2A 4BX .

4. <http://www.techcityuk.com/>

Tech City is based in Shoreditch area of London as is known as Silicon Roundabout as it provides supports for a cluster of digital start ups.

5. <http://www.britishchambers.org.uk/>

British Chamber of Commerce supports entrepreneurs and investors around the UK

6. <http://www.greatbusiness.gov.uk/regulation/>

UK Government has set up an information portal website to provide a central source of information about many different topics which may be relevant to entrepreneurs.

7. <https://www.f6s.com/>

F6S is a portal website that provides information for entrepreneurs about Business Competitions to win funding or to win a place in a Start Up Bootcamp or Accelerator.

8. <http://www.ukcfa.org.uk/members>

UK Crowdfunding Association website shows a list of 14 companies that operate Crowd Funding platforms to help UK based entrepreneurs to raise funding for their business.



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Azad Corporate wants to emphasise that the UK Entrepreneur Visa application system is very much a Two Phase process. First Phase is preparing the Visa Application and Second Phase is setting up and operating a real business in the UK.

Azad Corporate has the expert consultants located in Britain who can assist and support you through both Phase One and Phase Two of the application process.

Azad Corporate can assist and support both your Visa Application from your home country and help project manage the set up of your new Business Venture in Britain, by making the following range of 20 consultancy services available:

1 Expert team of Immigration Lawyers based in London, can help write and prepare your Visa application. Azad Corporate liaises with specialist immigration expert law firm Garth Coates Solicitors, who are based in Britain (see website at www.garthcoates.com)

Azad Corporate also liaises with local and international law firms such as Adib Law Firm, (see website www.adiblawnfirm.com) as they can advise clients about aspects of local laws which may be relevant to their decision to seek a UK Visa. For example, it may be necessary to inform the tax authorities in your home country that you are changing tax domicile and it may be necessary to get permission to transfer funds abroad.

2. Azad Corporate can assist with Pre-interview Training for immigration interview, if applicable.

3. The Business Consultants at Azad Corporate can help write a professional Business Plan with Research Market details about Market Demand, Production Costs, Wholesale and Retail price points and Breakeven Analysis. Who are the UK Customers for your business and what operating expenses will your business need to pay just to exist. What type of UK Staff will your business employ and how much salary do you expect to pay them. Your Business Plan needs to show that you have thought of these issues and that you have solutions.

Azad Corporate liaises with UK Accountants such as iPlan , see website at www.ukbusiness.com. London

4. The Business Accountants who work with Azad Corporate can prepare 3 year and 5 year Cashflow Projections and Breakeven Analysis, to analyse how much investment capital is required to start up and to cashflow growth of the business.

5. Set up and register the new company in Companies Registration Office in UK, and get registered office address.

6. Arrange for opening Bank Account of both personal bank account and company bank account, getting bank Debit Card , and potentially applying for Bank Loan to fund Property purchase or cashflow loan to finance Business working capital.

7. Write Website, and get website produced and hosted in UK. Be aware that UK Visa Authorities can easily view your Social Media profiles online, so make effort to have a professional business website and to have well presented profile on business network sites such as LinkedIn.

8. Write Product Brochure and get Brochure produced in PDF format

9. Advise on Marketing and selling product or services through both UK and international wholesale or retail distribution channels.

10. Provide information about Trademark of product name and logo, in UK Trademark office.

11. Advise on requirements to maintain Company Records in accordance with UK Company Law, such as Filing Annual Return with Annual Accounts, or applying for Audit Exemption as a small company.

12. Register with Her Majesty's Revenue Commissioners for Value Added Tax, Corporation Tax and Employers tax obligations such as National Health Insurance and Pay As you Earn tax deductions from staff.

13. Register you personally with Her Majesty's Revenue Commissioners, so that you are registered as a Company Director, and Self-Employed person with a Tax Number.

14. Explain UK Driving Licence application and UK Driving Test. Your existing home country driving licence or international driving licence may perhaps be accepted by UK authorities, but this is a complex area and requires analysis of each individual case and Azad Corporate can assist with this.

15. Assist with arrangements for rental or purchase Property such as House , Offices , Retail Shop , Storage Warehouse or Production Factory.

16. Education information about getting places in Schools or College in UK.

17. Arrange for Accountant to prepare your personal Income Tax Returns and to give Tax Planning advice about optimum way to structure your personal, family and business financial affairs so they are both tax compliant and tax efficient.

18. Arrange Foreign Exchange at best rates and arrange money transfer to secure UK Bank Account in personal name of Applicant.

19. Advise on sources of Islamic Financial products in UK.

20. Provide information about Visa Extension application for long term settlement and about application for British Citizenship and UK Passport.

Investor Visa

Investor Visa is designed to attract high net worth Investors, who want to buy a significant shareholding in an existing British business, and help that business grow.

Investor must show bank documents to prove that he or she has a minimum funds of GB£2,000,000 (2 Million Pounds) to invest in Britain.

The UK Visa authorities want to see that the GB£2 million capital is being invested in active assets which contribute to generating economic activity in UK. Thus Investor can invest in Britain by way of buying new shares in an existing British company or by way of Loan to a British company or invest in UK Government Bonds, but purchase of an asset such as a Residential House is not considered an approved investment category.

This investor category visa does not require the Investor to have any minimum level of English language skills or to show proof of funds to meet of UK living expenses.

Investor must reside in UK for at least 183 days per year

Investor Visa is granted for initial period of 3 years and 4 months and may be extended for a further 2 years.

Provided that the Investor has maintained his investment in Britain continuously for 5 years, then after 5 years the Investor may apply to extend the visa to permit an indefinite long term stay in UK.

Depending on how much money the Investor initially invested in the UK Business, the Investor can make a fast track application to apply for Visa permit for long term settlement and residence in UK.

Investor Visa

The periods after which an Investor can make application to extend his Visa for Indefinite Leave to Remain, are:

- a) After Two years, if Investor has invested minimum of GB10 Million, or
- b) After Three years , if Investor has invested minimum of GB£5 million, or
- c) After Five Years, if Investor has invested minimum of GB£2 million

As part of the Investor Visa application process, the family members of the Investor can also apply for a visa to join their spouse, parent or civil partner and reside in the UK.

Azad Corporate liaises with an expert panel of independent Immigration Lawyers, Commercial Lawyers, Corporate Finance experts, Business Accountants and Foreign Exchange professionals, who can then advise each Investor on the best way to structure both their Investment and their Visa application , to maximise the value of the investment opportunity and to reduce risk of the visa application being rejected.

Azad Corporate can help source existing Small & Medium Sized Enterprises (SME`s) who are trading successfully in UK, but who are seeking investment from an International Investor. Azad Corporate can put together a team of Corporate Lawyers, Business Accountants and Corporate Finance experts to carry out due diligence on a target company and help assess the market value of that business and the percentage shareholding which a new investor should seek in return for his investment.

The investment can be structured as a direct subscription for new shares, or Azad Corporate can help the investor reduce risk and control his investment by structuring the investment by way of a Loan with a fixed annual profit share, which loan can be converted in to Shares in the business at an agreed valuation, once the Investor is satisfied that that the business is performing well and achieving its targets.

British Citizenship & Passport



If you have resided in UK for 5 years under an Investor Visa and if the time limit on your initial visa has been extended beyond five years by getting Indefinite Leave to Remain in Britain, then you may be eligible to apply for British Citizenship and a British Passport, provided that you comply with the following requirements:

- a) Can show that you intend to make UK your main home place of domicile.
- b) Can pass the “Life in UK Test” to show that you understand UK Culture and that you have attained an approved level of proficiency in English.
- c) That you have not been absent from UK for more than 450 days, during the past 5 years.
- d) That you have not been absent from UK for more than 90 days, during the previous 12 months
- e) that you have fully complied with requirements of all UK immigration regulations

British Citizenship & Passport

Investor who has invested either GB£10 million or GB£5 million in the UK, can apply for British Citizenship after 5 years, and Investor who has invested GB£2 million can apply after 6 years.

An Entrepreneur who has set up business in Britain, no matter whether they create 2 jobs or 10 jobs, or have turnover in excess of GB£5 Million within 3 years, must first apply to extend their Entrepreneur Visa to get Indefinite Leave to Remain in UK, then after 6 years, the Entrepreneur may be eligible to upgrade their Indefinite Leave to Remain visa status, by applying for British Citizenship and a British Passport.



International



While Azad Corporate is based in London, we also have offices in Dubai, and Azad Corporate can provide clients with access to prime residential homes in Dubai that are being privately marketed to international buyers.

To obtain a Dubai or United Arab Emirates investor residency visa you must purchase a property with minimum value of US\$270,000 and show that you have proof of income from employment or investment sources of at least US\$1,000 per month.

Residential property Visa does not entitle the home owner to work in the UAE.

If you are willing to invest in a business based in UAE, then you can qualify for an Investor Visa, which gives you right to work.

As part of our consultancy services Azad Corporate can provide detailed analysis and comparison of the Investor Visa schemes run by several European Countries such as Ireland, Lithuania, Spain, Sweden, Malta, Cyprus and the Netherlands.

Azad Corporate can arrange for consultation with international advisory team who have expertise in Investor Visa programs in United States of America and Canada .

Service Level Agreement --- Fees

UK Visa Authorities will judge each visa application to see if the Applicant is a “Genuine Entrepreneur” or is a “Genuine Investor” who is truly committed to making a successful life in Britain and residing in Britain long term.

Azad Corporate can assist with Phase One of Visa Application by helping write credible and compelling Business Plan or Investment Plan.

Because Azad Corporate is based in Britain and because we have business background we can also support the Entrepreneur or Investor through Phase Two of the Visa program, when they arrive in Britain and need guidance and support to manage their business or investment.

Azad Corporate and its panel of independent professional expert advisers based in Britain can provide Visa Applicants with the range of 20 support services listed in this Brochure.

From experience, Azad Corporate knows that the preparatory work involved in writing a Visa Application typically takes about 500 hours of professional time and the work required to support the Entrepreneur or Investor for first 12 months after they arrive in Britain, typically requires an additional 750 hours of support work from our team.

Full details of all application fees charged by UK Visa Authorities are available on their website. But typical application fee for an Entrepreneur Visa or for an Investor Visa is around GB£1,500 and a further additional GB£1,500 fee is charged for processing visa application relating to each dependent such as Spouse or Child.

Then if you are seeking to extend your Visa and get Indefinite Leave to Remain in UK, the UK Visa Authorities will charge another GB£1,500 per person to process such applications. Exact level of fees depends on whether you apply by post or apply online and in which country you are resident.

Contact Us

The fees which Azad Corporate charge are an investment by the Entrepreneur or Investor in sourcing experienced advisors and paying them for their time to provide a detailed and comprehensive range of professional quality expert support services.

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