



At Law Firm Limited what we care about most is “fighting your corner” on all aspects of immigration law. We’re an international immigration firm who provide expert immigration advice as well as offering a complete relocation package for both individuals and businesses. Our head office is located in the heart of London with our second office in Moscow. We have experience of representing clients all over the world and communicate with our overseas clients via regular online conferences. We know through experience that “the devil is in the detail” — you can trust us to be the ones to help you negotiate the tricky negotiations and regulations.



— We are regulated by the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner (OISC) at the highest level, which means that our accredited advisors are fully qualified to represent clients at the initial application stage, as well as before Immigration Judges at the Immigration Tribunals in the UK for Appeals and other Immigration Hearings. This experience is invaluable when it comes to representing high net worth clients wishing to come to the UK, as the Immigration Rules and Guidelines regularly change as does UK immigration case law.

— We understand the difficulty with relocating to a new country, so this is why, as well as providing expert immigration advice and representation, we provide our clients with specialist tax advice and administration, and assist in relation to property and banking procedures. We also have an education department who arrange educational courses for children and adults at the most prestigious institutions in the UK.

— Below we give a brief overview of the high-net worth visa options available in the UK to potential investors, entrepreneurs and sole representatives. If you have any queries or if you would like to discuss the options in further detail then please contact our office and we will be happy to arrange a consultation.

— As well as advising and representing clients on high-net worth visa options, we also have vast experience in all areas of immigration including Tier 4 (Students), visitors, EEA applications, dependent relatives (including elderly dependent), Tier 1 (General), Tier 2, spouse/unmarried partner, fiancé/fiancée, Article 8 ECHR, human rights, discretionary applications, naturalisation, detention cases, and Appeal and Bail Hearings before an Immigration Judge.

— In addition to the above we advise and represent our clients in Tier 4 (Child) Student applications, as well as visas for parents of children at school.

— We also have a number of clients who simply wish to visit the UK. The most popular visit visas amongst our clients are business visitor visas for those who wish to visit the UK to carry out business for a short period of time, student visitor visas for those who wish to study on a course for less than six months, and child visitor visas (these are very popular for those who enrol their children at summer courses in the UK. Also a popular choice is the general visitor visa for our clients who simply wish to visit the UK for a holiday.



— IMMIGRATION Entrepreneurs

If you would prefer to invest a smaller amount than that required for the Investor route then there is the Tier 1 (Entrepreneur) Migrant route. This route is aimed at those who wish to invest in the UK by setting up or taking over, and being actively involved in the running of a business or businesses in the UK.

Initial Application

- you must have access to not less than £200,000; or
- you must have access to not less than £50,000 if you were last granted leave as a Tier 1 (Graduate entrepreneur)*
- the funds must be regulated in one or more financial institutions and are disposable in the UK
- you must meet the English language and maintenance requirements.

* Please note: there are other circumstances whereby having access to £50,000 can qualify for the purposes of the Entrepreneur route such as for Tier 1 (Post-study work) migrants and those who have money from UK government departments and regulated and endorsed venture capital firms and seed funding competition, however the requirements for these are very technical and highly detailed so we would very much encourage a consultation to discuss these options.



— IMMIGRATION

Entrepreneurs

Extension Application

- you must show that you have invested not less than £200,000 in cash directly into one or more businesses in the UK
- you have registered as a director or as self-employed
- engaged in business activity and created new jobs
- you must meet the English language and maintenance requirements.

The qualifying period for settlement as Tier 1 (Entrepreneur) is 5 years (or 3 years if you create 10 full time jobs for 1 year or generate a turnover of £5 million) and you are allowed to remain outside of the UK for a maximum of 180 days in any calendar year without losing your right to apply for permanent settlement.



— IMMIGRATION

Sole representative of an overseas company

This route is for those intending to set up a wholly owned subsidiary or register a UK branch for an overseas parent company. It is different to the Tier 2 route in that you can come to the UK without a certificate of sponsorship.

Requirements

- you must have been recruited and employed outside the UK by a company whose headquarters and principal place of business is outside the UK
 - you must not intend to take employment in the UK except for the overseas company
 - you must be able to maintain yourself and any dependents adequately without recourse to public funds
 - you must be a senior employee (but not a majority shareholder in the company) who intends to establish a commercial presence for the company in the UK
 - the company must have no branch, subsidiary or other representative in the UK
 - you must have full authority to take operational decisions on the company's behalf
 - you must be able to demonstrate a very good track record in the same or a closely related field of work
 - you must also be able to demonstrate your English language ability.
- The qualifying period for settlement as the sole representative of an overseas company is 5 years and you are allowed to remain outside of the UK for a maximum of 180 days in any calendar year without losing your right to apply for permanent settlement.



— EDUCATION CONSULTANCY

Teaching standards from institutions in the UK are among the best in the world, while British qualifications are universally recognised. The UK enjoys a reputation for unsurpassed quality in education and encourages skills that are relevant, marketable and much sought-after by today's top companies.



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Investing in your children's education could be the best decision you ever make, and it is important to make the right choice of school, college or university. With over 2,500 private schools scattered around the UK, hundreds of short courses and over 300 higher educational institutions, it might be difficult to choose the one which is best suited for yours or your children's needs.

Full-time education is compulsory for all children starting from 5 years old; however private schools usually accept children from the ages of 3 or 4. There are a large variety of private schools teaching children either based on traditional UK A-Level programmes following the National Curriculum, IB (International Baccalaureate) in the international schools, or offering the relatively new programme Cambridge Pre-U. If you are not planning to relocate to the UK yet, but would like your child to benefit from the best of the UK education system, there is a possibility to enrol your child into the traditional British boarding school, some of which accept children on a full boarding basis from the age of 7.

The last 2 years of school education play a crucial role, as during those years pupils prepare for and sit exams, the results of which are then used to compete for a place at university. Higher education often begins with a 3 year Bachelor's Degree, which tend to



be shorter than in many other countries. Postgraduate Degrees include Masters Degrees, either taught or by research, and most Postgraduate Master's courses can be completed in just 1 year instead of 2 years, unlike many other countries.

For those who want to improve the level of their English there are many short language courses to choose from, such as general English courses or preparation for English language exams (IELTS, GMAT and many others). Summer camps for children and teenagers usually combine lessons of English language in the mornings with sports, entertainment and excursions in the second part of the day and during the weekends.

Whether you might be interested in two weeks summer camp, choosing the right school or receiving a Bachelor's Degree, we can assist you in choosing the education establishment and a course of study most suitable for your needs and demands, guide you through the nuances of the UK educational system, help with the enrolment process, assist in arranging visas to the UK and advise you throughout this entire process.



— EDUCATION CONSULTANCY

We also provide visa support for all categories of students. The most popular routes for students enrolled for short-term courses are the Student Visitor Visa and Child Visitor (for students under 18). For those students who enrol for long-term programmes at private schools, colleges or universities we will be happy to assist them with their applications under the Tier 4 category. This category includes two sub-categories:

- Tier 4 General Student – for those aged at least 16 years old who are coming to the United Kingdom to study
- Tier 4 Child Student – for children between 4 and 17 years old coming to the UK to study at independent schools and colleges.

If you are a parent of a child under 12 who studies at an independent day school in the UK, you can apply for a 12-month visa as a 'Parent of a Child at School' to stay with your child during his/her studies.

If you have a few conditional offers from one or more British educational establishments, or made appointments with school principals, you can apply for a Prospective Student Visa to visit these establishment or principals and make your choice in favour of one of them. The main advantage of this kind of visa is that you can switch to the Tier 4 category within the UK if the education provider issues a CAS for you.

Law Firm Education Consultancy Ltd has been helping international students since 2000, securing places in:

- Nurseries
- Private schools
- Colleges
- Higher education (Foundation courses, Bachelor Degrees, Master Degrees, MBA and others)
- Short English Language Courses for children and teenagers
- English Language courses for adults
- Summer language camps for children and teenagers.

Law Firm Education Consultancy Ltd. offers to search nationwide for suitable educational institutions and courses for overseas students. Our services are orientated to target every individual's needs and we understand that students, sponsors and educational establishments require specific attention, and we will strive to achieve optimum satisfaction for all.



— PROPERTY IN GREAT BRITAIN

When it comes to buying a property, Law Firm Ltd acts in the interests of the buyer only, rather than the interests of the estate agent, who will often strive for a quick sale. We know how to negotiate the price and to make the deal profitable for you. We also provide visa and immigration services. If you are a non-EEA national, we can help you through visa procedures, and provide a wide range of concierge services in relation to property management, property maintenance, renovation or tenancy.

— PROPERTY CONSULTANCY

Location

The main factor essential to a decision on the purchase of a property anywhere in the world is location, and the area in which a property is situated will be the best cushion against falling prices. The best profits are made when a property can be purchased in an area that is up and coming.

London is probably the most appealing place to buy property in the UK, especially with regard to investment property.

London is divided into 9 zones. The city centre forms zones 1 and 2. The most prestigious areas are Belgravia, Mayfair, Knightsbridge and Chelsea. London is very much a city of contrasts though. You can find quiet, almost rural environments in nearby suburbs that possess easy access to the city centre by public transport.

Property type

The basic property types in Great Britain are:

- A detached house (mansion)
- A semi-detached house
- A terraced house
- A flat or an apartment.

Ownership

Property in England can be owned either freehold or leasehold.

Freehold is a title which gives you the right to fully own the property. A freeholder has full responsibility for the maintenance and repairs of the owned property and bears all risk in respect of damage and/or destruction.

A **leasehold** interest means that the land is owned by someone else (normally the freeholder) with the lease entitling the owner to occupy the property for as long as is specified in the lease agreement. At the end of the lease, the property becomes the possession of the former owner (the freeholder) again. The right of possession is granted for anything up to 999 years, but existing leases on properties are usually shorter. This will involve either a market rent for leases of 25 years or less, or a small, nominal ground rent for leases of 99 years or more.

Houses are usually freehold and flats are usually leasehold, although in many instances one can have a share of the freehold (in the context of a flat or apartment) through a management company.

Costs

In broad terms, looking at the costs of purchasing over and above the purchase price, the main element is stamp duty which stands at a maximum of 7% for properties valued above £2,000,000. Commission will usually be paid to an estate agent if they have been used in the sale of the property, and this is likely to be between 1.5 and 2.5% of the value of the property (please note that this is paid by the vendor not by the purchaser). Lawyers will charge up to 0.5% of the property value for buying or selling, although the conveyancing market has become very competitive in recent years. Conveyancing is simply the legal term used for the buying and selling of property.



— PROPERTY CONSULTANCY

What we do to help you?

Our experts can provide a professional search and selection of property in the UK for the client to view. We identify what is available in relation to the client's needs, visit the properties concerned and then draw up a shortlist so that the prospective purchaser need only view a small selection of properties matching their requirements. We provide detailed reports on the properties, including information about the probable costs involved, the area in which the property is situated, the surrounding environment, and other related issues. We also negotiate the price and carry out the conveyancing procedure.

As mortgages are available through British banks both for British citizens and non-residents, we also provide mortgage and related insurance services. Concierge services in relation to property maintenance, renovation or tenancy are also available upon request. As mortgages are available through British banks both for British citizens and non-residents, we also provide mortgage and related insurance services. Concierge services in relation to property maintenance, renovation or tenancy are also available upon request.

Does property ownership provide any advantages for immigration to the UK?

No, there are no existing immigration categories that are related to, or dependent upon, property ownership.





— BUSINESS CONSULTANCY

Law Firm Limited provides company formation, corporate, tax and accounting services for our clients. The company are proven experts in these fields, with a strong track record for more than 13 years, with an established reputation as a reliable player in the corporate market. We work in close cooperation with reliable private banks and other financial providers in order to achieve maximum result for our clients.

We work with individual and corporate clients from various jurisdictions that are planning to relocate to the UK or those who simply wish to carry out business in the UK.

— BUSINESS CONSULTANCY

The UK is a very competitive jurisdiction from a tax point of view and provides a special tax regime for non domiciled individuals, it also offers a lower rate of corporate tax. Therefore it makes it very attractive for people who want to achieve a certain level of stability, confidentially and efficient taxation.

Non UK domiciled tax resident individuals are subjected to their worldwide income on a remittance basis, which is a very efficient way to be a tax resident by avoiding paying tax on their worldwide income until they actually bring these funds to the UK. Secondly, tax legislation in the UK provides some tax incentives for non UK domiciled tax resident individuals to invest their worldwide income into UK businesses. The UK has a competitive low tax rate on dividends received by individuals and 0% on dividends received by companies. The current corporate tax rate is ranged from 20 to 23% with a further reduction to 21% in 2014. Also, the UK government has introduced a tax incentive "Patent Box" with a 10% corporate tax rate. We also have £ 250,000 annual allowance for plant and machinery. This is just a very brief outline of the variety of tax incentives which exist in the UK and make this jurisdiction to be business friendly for individuals and corporate entities.

Law Firm Limited offers a complete package of services for businesses to provide our clients' commercial presence in the UK. In order to fulfil the needs of our clients, we have developed a wide range of corporate services and we would like to touch briefly on the core fields of the business consultancy division:

- On shore and offshore Company Formations services
- Management of companies / legal and secretarial support
- full range of accounting Services (annual accounts for individuals and companies, VAT returns, Payroll Bureau)
- Tax advice
- Assistance with setting up Trust in various jurisdictions (mainly Jersey, Guernsey, Isle of Man)
- Bank account services (account opening process and general administration of the accounts)
- Registration of Trade Marks / Patents.

We have a variety of clients and there are currently around 500 limited companies and partnerships in the company's portfolio. Our company is dealing from start-up to well established clients and provides various packages and tailor-made services and is able to assist on matters which would be outside the scope of our professional frame in order to satisfy our clients to the highest standard.

Law Firm Limited has a unique approach to our clients and our professional staff will structure the affairs of every single client in such a way in order to fulfil his/her immigration and tax and corporate needs in the most efficient way.

Ultimately, we are here to help you every step of the way, and with every interaction that you will need to make in order to negotiate the potential pit falls that may lie before you.

The landscape of company formation in the UK is such that a trusted and experienced partner is vital to secure the best possible advantage, and we are willing to go the 'extra mile' on your behalf with our complete package of services for businesses.

A world class reputation. Clients who have confidence in our ability to get the desired results. Let us show you what we can do.

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