

Applying for a Partner's Visa to come to the UK: Key considerations.



Partner (fiancé, 2 year cohabiting partners and spouse) visas are open to those who are in a relationship with British citizens or those with permanent residence (indefinite leave to remain) in the UK.

Cohabiting partners also referred to as unmarried and / or same-sex partners if you can show you have lived together for 2 years or more, and for fiancés – those who are planning to marry within 6 months of arrival in the UK.

We turn to the requirements to be met.

If you want to read the requirements they are set out at Appendix FM of the Immigration Rules; the home office has the related guidance.

More specific evidence that is required in support of such application can be found in Appendix FM-SE;

Some of the aspects that you have to demonstrate are set out below:-

1. Financially plan your application several fees will be paid
2. All visa applications are made from out of country and in such instances you will complete an online application form which may link to the visa centre under the same login.
3. You will apply from the country you are ordinarily resident of, at the time of making the application.
4. You will be applying under the husband/wife route and will be applying for a settlement visa;
5. You should complete a paper form called Appendix 2 and a SU07 form as undertaking as to where you will reside in the UK, normally completed by your sponsor.
6. In most instances you will need to show how you meet the financial requirement. If you are couple with no children you will have to show an income of £18,600. If you have children this figure increases so please refer to Appendix FM guidance above.
7. You may be able to rely on savings instead of income. Mandatory evidence has to be supplied to show you meet the financial requirement. In a hostile environment you may find out if your documents are not presented in the right format the application is refused. I.e. online wage slips printed off in support of your application have to have a letter from your employer stating they are authentic.
8. You must provide evidence of adequate accommodation is available to you in the UK owned or occupied exclusively by you and is adequate (this will require confirming it is not subject to overcrowding)
9. In terms of your relationship is vital that you show you are in a genuine and subsisting relationship. The Home Office caseworker will turn to their guidance set out here. Home Office "Guidance Genuine and Subsisting".
10. Evidence should be collated showing a genuine relationship, live together joint tenancies, bills at the same address, shared commitments, letters from friends, colleagues, friends and family, e-tickets, holidays, photos, messages/ chats, social media evidence – this is not an exhaustive list and a common sense approach should be adopted.
11. Check to see if you need to sit the ILETS UKVI English test. If you have a degree taught in English that may be sufficient or from a list of countries the Home Office have listed as speaking English as their main language. Otherwise you will need to take one of these tests;
12. Check to see if you need to take a tuberculosis test;
13. If you have overstayed previously in the UK, or breach the requirements of your former visa or if you have any criminal convictions you may find want to get more detailed legal advice before setting out to make an application.
14. We advise clients to financially plan making these applications as there are visa fees, priority applications fees, other fees like courier SMS update requests. Everyone applying for a visa in excess of 6 months have to pay a contribution to the NHS, referred to as the HIS surcharge. All these costs are quite expensive and more and more clients try to ensure that the visa is likely to be granted.

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