



United Kingdom

Innovator Program

The UK is an attractive destination for business and private residence. Its capital London has the highest GDP of any city in Europe and houses corporate headquarters of numerous multinational corporations, financial institutions, professional firms, and major organizations. The Tier 1 Innovator Visa is aimed at those who can demonstrate relevant experience in business and requires individuals to set up or run an existing business in the UK.

Population: 65 million

Language: English

Economy: Leading trading and financial center, third largest in Europe

Currency: British pound

Program overview

- At least GBP 50,000 in investment funds
- Processing time of one–eight weeks from submission of the application to approval
- The right to live, work, and study anywhere in the United Kingdom

Key benefits



Residence permits acquired within three weeks



Permanent residence possible after three years



International business environment



Attractive tax regime for individuals who are resident but not domiciled



Direct international flight connections to most major global cities



World-renowned schools and universities



Procedures

The completed application and supporting documentation must be submitted to the diplomatic post in the applicant's country of residence.

- 1 Client contacts *Henley & Partners*
 - 2 Initial due diligence checks completed
 - 3 Client agreement signed and retainer paid
 - 4 Business idea assessed by an approved endorsing body
 - 5 Application for endorsement letter submitted
 - 6 Immigration application forms submitted to Home Office with endorsement letter
 - 7 Application approved within three weeks (dependent on the receiving embassy)
 - 8 Applicants from certain countries required to register with the police within seven days of arrival in the UK
 - 9 Applicant granted initial three-year visa
 - 10 Upon expiry, applicant applies for 'extension of stay' from within the UK, or may apply for indefinite leave to remain if all criteria met
-  After five years of continuous lawful residence, it is possible to apply for British citizenship

Main applicant requirements

Applicants must:

-  Be at least 18 years of age
-  Have relevant business experience
-  Have at least GBP 50,000 in investment funds if the applicant intends on setting up a new business
-  Have a new and viable business idea with a business potential for growth
-  Have the ability to speak English according to CEFR level B2

About us

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