

# Tier 1 (General) visa

## 1. Overview

You can no longer apply for or extend Tier 1 (General) visas. [Family members](#) can still apply to join you in the UK.

You may be able to [apply to settle](#) once you've been in the UK for 5 years. You can apply to settle as a Tier 1 (General) worker until 6 April 2018.

Read more about [Tier 1 \(General\) visas](#).

## 2. Family members

Your family members ('dependants') must apply to join or remain with you in the UK if they're from outside the [European Economic Area \(EEA\)](#) and Switzerland.

A 'dependant' is either:

- your husband, wife or partner
- your child under 18
- your child over 18 if they're currently in the UK as a dependant

Read the [guidance on dependant applications](#) before you apply.

You can use the [premium service](#) if you're a dependant applying in the UK on your own or you're applying for your UK-born child to stay.

## Savings

You must show that your dependants can be supported while they're in the UK.

Each dependant must have a certain amount of money available to them - this is in addition to the £945 you must have to support yourself.

The amount depends on your circumstances. You must have £1,890 for each dependant if you're applying from outside the UK or have been in

the UK for less than 12 months. If you've been in the UK for more than 12 months, you must have £630 for each dependant.

You must have [proof](#) you have the money, and that it's been in your bank account or your dependant's bank account for at least 90 days before you or they apply.

**Example** You must have £4,725 if you want to bring your partner and one child with you to the UK - £945 to support yourself + £1,890 for your partner + £1,890 for your child.

## Fees

Who you're applying for	Applying by post in the UK	Apply in person in the UK	Applying outside the UK
All dependants	£1,806 each person	£2,396 per person	£982 per person

They'll also have [to pay the healthcare surcharge](#) as part of their application. Check how much they'll have to pay [before they apply](#).

## Dependants applying outside the UK

Your family members must [apply online](#).

They'll need to have their fingerprints and photograph taken at a [visa application centre](#) (to get a biometric residence permit) as part of their application.

They'll have to collect their [biometric residence permit](#) within 10 days of when they said they'd arrive in the UK (even if they actually arrive at a later date).

## Cuba and North Korea

Your family members can't apply online if they're applying from one of these countries.

Download the [form and guidance](#).

Read the instructions for:

- [Cuba](#)
- [North Korea](#)

## Dependants applying in the UK on their own

Your dependants can apply to extend or switch their visas to stay with you if they're already in the UK. Dependants can:

- [apply online - dependant partner application](#)
- [apply online - dependant child application](#)
- [download the paper form](#)
- apply in person for the [premium service](#)

Family members can't apply in the UK as your dependant if they hold a [visitor visa](#).

## Biometric information

Each person applying must also provide their biometric information (fingerprints and a photo).

They can give their biometric information at:

- certain [Post Office branches](#) if they applied online (this costs £19.20)
- a [premium service centre](#) if they applied in person

They'll get a [biometric residence permit](#) if their application is successful.

## Children born while you're in the UK

If you have children while you're in the UK, you can apply for permission for them to stay.

You must do this if you want to travel in and out of the UK with them.

When you apply, send a full UK birth certificate for each child showing the names of both parents.

You can:

- [apply online - dependant child application](#)
- [download the paper form](#)
- apply in person for the [premium service](#)