

Tier 2 Priority Service

You can get a decision on your visa within 10 working days if you apply to extend or switch to a tier 2 visa using the Tier 2 Priority Service.

You can only use this service if you're in the UK.

You can use the service for the following visas:

- Tier 2 (General)
- Tier 2 (Minister of religion)
- Tier 2 (Sportsperson)
- Tier 2 (Intra company transfer)

Before you apply

You first need to send a request to use this service.

Fill in the [request for inclusion form](#) and send it to the email address on the form.

Only the first 60 requests received each day after 8:30am (Monday to Friday) are accepted - you'll get an email saying if you've been successful.

Apply

The email you get will have a link to the priority service. Apply online for yourself and any dependants within 24 hours.

Send your supporting documents by registered post or courier to the address that the service gives you. Send your dependants' documents in the same envelope if you want them to be considered at the same time.

How long it takes

You'll get a decision on your application within 10 working days of your application being received - you'll be contacted if it will take longer.

Biometric information

You'll need to have your fingerprints and photograph (known as 'biometric information') taken at a [Post Office](#) as part of your application - this will cost £19.20.

You and any dependants must do this within 2 working days of receiving the biometric notification letter.

You'll receive the letter after your application is accepted onto the priority application scheme, you've paid the fee and sent your application.

Fees

| Who you're applying for | ICT - Short Term, Skills Transfer and Graduate Trainee | General, Sportsperson, Minister of Religion, ICT - long term (up to 3 years) | General and ICT (over 3 years) |
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| You | £922 | £1,136 | £1,813 |
| You (if you're from Macedonia or Turkey) | £867 | £1,081 | £1,758 |
| All dependants | £922 each person | £1,136 each person | £1,813 each person |

You'll also have [to pay the healthcare charge](#) as part of your application. Check how much you'll have to pay [before you apply](#).

Shortage occupations

A shortage occupation is a skilled job where there is [a shortage of workers in the UK](#).

| Who you're applying for | Tier 2 General (up to 3 years) | Tier 2 General (over 3 years) |
|--|---|--|
| You | £905 | £1,351 |
| You (if you're from Macedonia or Turkey) | £850 | £1,296 |
| All dependants | £905 each person | £1,351 each person |

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