

Skilled Worker Visa

Have you been offered a job in the UK which you believe you acquire the relevant skillset for? If so, you may be eligible for a Skilled Worker visa if you meet the following requirements:

Appropriate Sponsor

- It is essential that your employer holds a valid Sponsorship licence.
- This will allow you to apply for the Skilled Worker visa using their unique reference number.
- Sponsor should also provide a Certificate of Sponsorship, providing information on the role you're your offer.
- If accepted, this visa allows you to stay in the UK for 5 years.

Genuine vacancy

- The role to be filled must be a 'genuine vacancy'.
- The job must be on the occupational job code list. This could be searched on www.gov.uk or using the online ONS Occupation Coding Tool.
- As a skilled worker, you must possess appropriate skills and experience for the role filled.
- Minimum salary threshold of £25,600 or SOC Code minimum salary, whichever higher.
- Salary may depend on role e.g., if role is at Ph.D. level or is on the Shortage Occupation List.

English language

- A minimum of Level B1 in the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) in reading writing, speaking and listening.
- OR
- Acquire an English taught academic qualification which is recognised by the UK NARIC.
- Must be educated to a minimum of RQF Level 3 (equivalent to A Level)

Maintenance

- A minimum of £1,270 savings which have been kept in a bank account for at least 28 consecutive days, within 31 days of applying for the Skilled Worker visa.

Fees

- Application fee (varies depending on length of stay).
- Application fee reduced if the job is on the Shortage Occupation List.
- Health Surcharge – Approx. £624 per year per person.
- Fees for dependants applying with applicant.
- Fee reduced by £55 if applying from an 'eligible country'.

What you CAN and CANNOT do in the UK with a Skilled Worker visa

- ✓ Work the job you are sponsored for
- ✓ Apply to extend your Skilled Worker visa
- ✓ Volunteer
- ✓ Study
- ✓ Bring eligible dependants
- ✓ Travel (and return to UK)
- ✓ Apply for settlement after 5 years in UK
- ✗ Access public funds
- ✗ Apply for State Pension
- ✗ Change jobs (unless visa is updated)

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