

UK Spouse Visa update 9 March 2024

UK Spouse visa **current** fees and requirements: (Spouse only)

Salary: **£18,600** or **£62,500** (savings)

Fees (when made abroad)

Application Fees: **£1,846** (~ **£1,928**)

UK IHS (Medical): **£3,105** (~ **£3,245**)

A1 English Test : **£150**

Priority visa fees : **£500** (Optional)

Fees (Applicant in the UK)

Application Fees: **£1,048**

UK IHS (Medical): **£2,587.50**

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Super Priority fees : **£1,000** (Optional)

UK Spouse visa **11th April 2024** requirements and fees (spouse only):

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Fees (when made abroad)

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UK Spouse Visa Application update (9 March 2024)

New salary requirements **£29,000** (up **156%** from **£18,600**) on **11th April 2024**

The UK Home Secretary, Mr James Cleverly has announced his plan to slash UK migration levels and curb what he calls abuse of the immigration system, he wants to deliver the biggest ever reduction in net migration to the UK. He believes that his new package will mean about **300,000** partners and children will not be able to come to the UK compared to last year (9/2022 to 9/2023).

Home Secretary James Cleverly said:

It is clear that net migration remains far too high. By leaving the European Union we gained control over who can come to the UK, but far more must be done to bring those numbers down so British workers are not undercut and our public services put under less strain.

*My plan will deliver the biggest ever reduction in net migration and will mean around **300,000** people who came to the UK last year would not have been able to do so. I am taking decisive action to halt the drastic rise in our work visa routes and crack down on those who seek to take advantage of our hospitality.*

In addition to measures to reduce migration, the government increased the annual Immigration Health Surcharge from **£624** to **£1,035** (up 66%) on **6 February 2024**. This of course makes it more costly and difficult for UK settled partners to bring their foreign partners and children to the UK. Thus for partner alone without children **£5,100** for the initial spouse visa from abroad and **£3,635.50** when lodged from within the UK. Thus base cost is almost **£4,000** in the UK and over **£5,000** abroad.

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