



IMMIGRATION
BROCHURE
for Representatives of
Overseas Businesses

The sole representative of an overseas company planning to set up a branch of the company in the UK or a wholly owned subsidiary company for the overseas parent company, you will need to apply for a visa as a Representative of an Overseas Business.

Representative of an Overseas Business

Applicants must hold a senior position within the company (but not as a majority shareholder) and must be originally employed outside the UK by a company whose headquarters and principal place of business are outside the UK.

If the company already has a legal entity in the UK, an applicant may still enter the UK as the sole representative of the company, provided that the UK branch does not employ staff or has not engaged in any business activity.

Who is eligible?

All Non EEA and Non British Foreign nationals are eligible to apply under this category.

How do dependants qualify?

Partners (i.e. spouse/civil partner/unmarried partner) and children under the age of 18 will be able to join the main applicant in the UK as their dependent family member.

- ***Applying for an Extension of Leave***

Applicants are required to apply for the extension of their Leave within 28 days from the date of the completion of the three year period.

Applicants will be required to show that they have been working during the relevant three year period as the representative of an overseas business and that they are required to continue this activity for the foreseeable future. Additionally, applicants will be required to show that they can maintain and accommodate themselves without recourse to public funds.

- ***Applying for Indefinite Leave to Remain***

Applicants will be able to apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain in the UK after completing 5 years residence in the UK under this category and prior to the expiry of their visa.

In addition, applicants will be required to show that they meet the maintenance requirements and the knowledge of Language and Life in the UK requirements.

How we can help

Our services include providing potential applicants with tailored advice on the requirements they will need to meet, advising applicants as to the specified documentation which must be submitted with the application, preparing and completing the application on behalf of the applicants and acting on the applicants behalf in representing them before UK Visas and Immigration.

Next steps

If you feel that you meet the eligibility requirements or have any further queries please contact our Immigration specialists directly:

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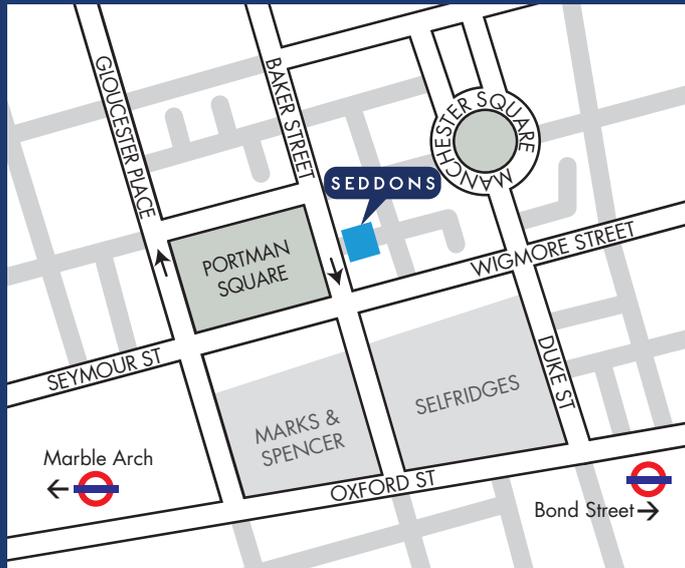


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