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for Investors

If you are a high net worth individual and you intend to make a substantial investment in the UK then the Tier 1 Investor route is the visa category you should apply under.

The Tier 1 Investor route is a visa category open for individuals who wish to obtain residence in the UK purely on the basis of investing their funds into 'Qualified' investments. Qualified investments may be classed as **UK Government Bonds, Share Capital or Loan Capital in active and trading UK registered companies**.

Applicants must have money of their own, held in a regulated financial institution and disposable in the UK amounting to no less than **£2 million**. The applicant must demonstrate that the funds of £2 million have been held for a consecutive period of **3 months** prior to the submission of the application.

An applicant may also rely on money that is owned either jointly with or solely by their spouse, provided that evidence of the funds and permission to use the funds has been provided by the spouse. Alternatively, an applicant may rely on investments made in the UK within the 12 month period immediately before the date of the application, provided that the funds are held in a UK regulated financial institution.

Provided that the applicants are able to satisfy the above then they will be granted Leave to Enter or Remain in the UK for a period of 3 years and 4 months.

### **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 to extend your visa***

Applicants will be able to apply for the Extension of Leave once they have completed three years residence under this category and prior to the expiry their visa.

Applicants will need to show that they have invested no less than £2 million in the UK by way of qualified investments, **UK Government Bonds, Share Capital or Loan Capital in active and trading UK registered companies**. This investment must be made within 3 months of their entry in to the UK.

Applicants who successfully applied for their Tier 1 Investor Visas before 6 November 2014 will be able to apply for the Extension of Leave by showing that they have invested at least £1 million in the UK. At least £750,000 must have been invested by way of qualified investments with the remaining amount of £250,000 having been invested in to property.

Should the above requirements be satisfied, applicants will be granted an Extension of Leave to Remain for a further two years.

- **Applying for Indefinite Leave to Remain in the UK**

Upon the completion of five years continuous residence in the UK as a Tier 1 Investor, the applicant may then be eligible to apply for settlement in the UK (Indefinite Leave to Remain).

The applicant must have maintained the Qualified Investment through the whole of the 5 year period. In addition the applicant must satisfy the Knowledge of Language and Life in the UK requirements.

There is an accelerated route to settlement (Indefinite Leave to Remain) under the Tier 1 Investor category. The applicant may directly apply for settlement in the UK after **2 years** if they have invested **£10 million** in to qualified investments or after **3 years** if they have invested **£5 million** in to qualified investments.

### How we can help

The scope of 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

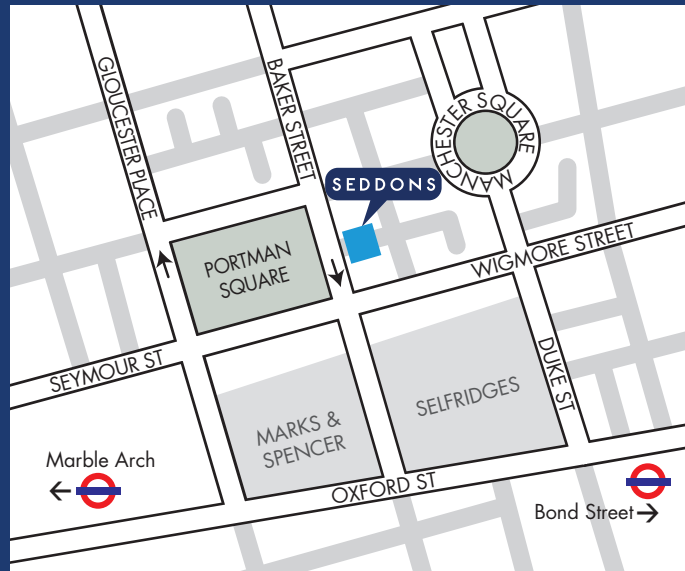
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