

SCHEDULE 7

Regulation 9

FEES FOR EXPEDITING APPLICATIONS, APPLICATIONS MADE IN PERSON, AND OPTIONAL SERVICES FOR APPLICANTS (OUTSIDE THE UNITED KINGDOM)

**Interpretation**

1. In this Schedule—

“biometric immigration document” has the same meaning as provided in section 5 of the UK Borders Act 2007<sup>(1)</sup>

“biometric information” means any information about an applicant’s external physical characteristics which an applicant must provide in order to obtain a biometric immigration document;

“international contact centre service” means the service by which advice and assistance in relation to immigration or nationality applications is provided to applicants outside the United Kingdom;

“priority settlement service” means the optional priority service offered to applicants outside the United Kingdom, by which applications for settlement are processed on an expedited basis;

“priority visa service” means the optional priority service offered to applicants outside the United Kingdom, by which applications for entry clearance to enter the United Kingdom are processed on an expedited basis;

“super priority visa service” means the optional priority service offered to applicants outside the United Kingdom, by which it is aimed to process applications for entry clearance to enter the United Kingdom within 24 hours of receipt of the application;

“User-Pays Visa Application Centre” means an office located outside the United Kingdom and managed by a contractor, at which applicants can access certain services in connection with immigration or nationality;

“web-chat facility” means the facility enabling applicants to communicate directly with an advisor at the international contact centre service, via the Internet.

**Fees for the submission and processing of immigration and nationality applications outside the United Kingdom, together with fees for connected services**

2.—(1) Table 15 specifies the amount of fees for the provision of the specified services.

(2) Paragraph 3 confers a discretion on the Secretary of State to waive the fees specified in Table 15.

**Table 15**

<i>Number of fee</i>	<i>Description of application or service provided</i>	<i>Amount of fee</i>
<b>15.1</b>	<b>Fee for submitting an immigration or nationality application, or documents or information in connection with such an application, outside the United Kingdom at a facility managed by a contractor</b>	
15.1.1	The acceptance or processing by a contractor of an immigration or nationality application, or documents or information (including biometric information) in relation to such an application, at a User-Pays Visa	£59

(1) 2007 c.30; section 5 was amended by paragraph 19 of section 12 to the Identity Documents Act 2010.

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<i>Number of fee</i>	<i>Description of application or service provided</i>	<i>Amount of fee</i>
	Application Centre or at another facility managed by a contractor at any other location, either in person or by post or courier.	
<b>15.2</b>	<b>Fees for expediting immigration or nationality applications</b>	
15.2.1	The expedited processing, under the priority visa service, of an application for entry clearance to enter the United Kingdom.	£100
15.2.2	The expedited processing, under the super priority visa service, of an application for entry clearance to enter the United Kingdom.	£600
15.2.3	The expedited processing, under the priority settlement service, of an application for entry clearance to enter the United Kingdom.	£300
<b>15.3</b>	<b>Fee for the provision of services outside office hours by a contractor outside the United Kingdom</b>	
15.3.1	The acceptance or processing by a contractor, outside office hours, of an immigration or nationality application, or documents or information (including biometric information) in relation to such an application at a User-Pays Visa Application Centre, or at another facility managed by a contractor at any other location.	£50
<b>15.4</b>	<b>Fee for the provision of a 'passport pass-back' facility by a contractor outside the United Kingdom</b>	
15.4.1	The expedited return to the applicant of travel or identity documents, or both, where these have been provided by the applicant in the course of making an application for entry clearance to enter the United Kingdom.	£40
<b>15.5</b>	<b>Fees in connection with the international contact centre service</b>	
15.5.1	Fee for the provision of advice or assistance in relation to an immigration or nationality application to applicants outside the United Kingdom via a staffed telephone helpline.	£1.37 per minute
15.5.2	Fee for the provision of a single session of advice or assistance in relation to an immigration or nationality application to applicants outside the United Kingdom via the web-chat facility (such a session being no more than 10 minutes long).	£4

### **Waiver or reduction in respect of the fees listed in Table 15**

3. The Secretary of State may waive or reduce any fee in respect of an application or service specified in Table 15.