



Tailored expertise when you need it most

Moving to the United Kingdom

Tailored Expertise

There are many different routes to living and working in the UK. Rooks Rider Solicitors can advise you on the appropriate route for you and your family and we work with experienced advisers who can deal with all aspects so that the process is as seamless as possible.

We are a specialist firm which can offer a holistic view of the key UK immigration, real estate, tax and estate planning requirements and considerations, for you, your family and your business, while helping you to identify future legal problems and advising on what steps need to be taken to prevent problems before they happen. This will not only help to protect your assets and your business from risk, it will also save you money.

Political turmoil and uncertainty often drives migration and many who contemplate a move look to the United Kingdom (UK) as their destination of choice. Political stability, a reliable justice system, real estate and an attractive environment in which to do business are just some of the advantages, but without the right advice it can also be a tax and legal minefield.

The UK has multiple immigration options depending on your particular circumstances including:



Based on your current citizenship and nationality

British National (Overseas) ("BN(O)") – due to the changes to the law in Hong Kong, the UK government have announced that the period for BN(O)s to remain in the UK has been extended from 6 months to 5 years and now includes rights to work, study and live in the UK, which will provide those who wish to apply for a British passport a path to do so. We can assist with the application process.

EU Citizenship – if you are an EU citizen or you have dual EU citizenship you may be eligible to apply under the EU Settlement Scheme which allows you and your family to live, work and study in the UK for up to 5 years initially. To apply you will need to have been living in the UK on or before the 31 December 2020. Applications for most individuals close on 30 June 2021; please speak to us for further details.

Based on your investments or business

Innovator and Start-up Visas – you may wish to consider this option if you own a business or have a business idea which has been endorsed by an approved body in your particular field. You can bring your family members with you and you have the right to work for your business and live here for a minimum of 2 years.

Investor Visa – a minimum investment of £2m in the UK, through a regulated financial institution, will allow you to remain here for at least 3 years. You can usually extend this for a further 2 years after which time you can apply to remain in the UK permanently. You can also bring your family members with you.

Based on your employment

Points based system – in January 2021, the Home Office implemented their new Immigration Points Based System whereby visas will be granted based on your employment, skills and in some cases salary. Visa applications will be sponsored by your employer so in most cases, you must have your UK employment in place before arriving.

About Us

How Rooks Rider Solicitors can help?

“Our global reach extends across jurisdictions and international mobility.”

We are a City of London firm with a strong focus on domestic and international tax and estate planning, with a notable depth of knowledge which is rarely found in many larger firms.

Our team acts for a wide range of UK and overseas individuals, trustees, families, their family offices, those in the private wealth industry who advise them and owner-managed businesses looking for advice on both domestic and offshore matters.



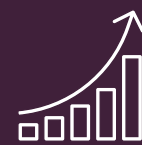
We understand the difficulties faced when setting up in a new country and **can help you decide the best way to enter the UK** from an immigration perspective and to structure your affairs for the long term, bearing in mind your end goals and tax situation.



We act for commercial investors and those who are looking to buy or sell a home and offer demonstrable expertise in dealing with leasehold property. We also act for many buy-to-let investors and those who hold portfolios of ground rent properties.



We consider the tax implications of property transactions and advise on more tax efficient options where possible.



We know that **acquiring or starting a business** presents many challenges. We can help you decide on the best way to structure your business, funding and employee arrangements, planning for tax and protecting your brand.

Services

You and Your Family

You, your family and your business deserve every chance to succeed in the UK and our Corporate, Real Estate, Tax and Wealth Planning teams are here to help you at every stage, ensuring that you have peace of mind and all the support you need for a smooth and rewarding transition.

IMMIGRATION:

- Pre-immigration planning
- How will you and your family enter the UK?
- What visas are available to you?
- Will you be able to work while you are here?
- What services will be available to you?
- Will there be a route to UK citizenship if that is your ultimate goal and how long will it take?
- Advising on domicile and residence
- Advice on the UK Statutory Residency Test

WEALTH PLANNING:

- Advising on domicile and residence
- Advice on the UK Statutory Residency Test
- Cross-border Wills, tax and succession planning

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY:

- Advising on lock-out agreements and sealed bid acquisitions
- Preparing and advising on auction packs
- Tailored reporting to suit the acquisition
- Particular expertise in leasehold property including short leases, lease extensions and collective freehold purchases
- Advice on newly built property and buying "off-plan"
- Tailored advice for those investing in UK property from offshore accredited under the Law Society's Conveyancing Quality Scheme and therefore able to act for high street lenders.



Services

Your Business

Our experienced team have the skills and knowledge to ensure that the complexity of the market, current tax rules, property investment structures and complex title matters are examined properly and explained fully and comprehensively.

When immigrating to the UK, there is an escalated need for good, practical legal advice for families, business owners and their professional advisers in the creation and preservation of wealth. Our team's wide experience over many years of practice will guide you through the ever-changing complexity of current visa options and UK taxation rules, providing related legal advice tailored to reflect your practical needs.

Adding to this, in a market where UK properties are not just homes, but pensions and investment portfolios requiring tax and estate planning, multifaceted bespoke advice is needed. Our experienced team has the skills and knowledge to ensure that the complexity of the market, current tax rules, property investment structures and complex title matters are examined properly and explained fully and comprehensively.

It is also important to consider your business interests. Having the correct contractual arrangements in place when setting up a business in the UK is an important tool to help prevent disputes and to show that your business is professionally run. This is also important when you are thinking about an exit, and we always encourage our clients to bear this in mind from an early stage, to ensure that your business is well planned and structured in the right way and that all future transactions are accurately structured.

SETTING UP YOUR BUSINESS AND STRUCTURING YOUR AFFAIRS.

- Company and business formations
- Structuring business assets
- Partnership agreements
- Joint ventures
- Shareholder arrangements
- Initial financing
- Hiring key employees
- Acquisitions and disposals of shares and assets
- Mergers, demergers, take-overs



Contact Us

Get In Touch

We are available to discuss your relocation requirements, your aspirations, and how to best protect your interests along the way. Please get in touch:



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Rooks Rider Solicitors LLP was founded in 1761 and is located in the City of London.

We specialise in tax, trust and wealth planning issues as well as assisting with lease and property related matters, employment, dispute prevention and resolution.

Rooks Rider and our solicitors are regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority [SRA No. 559363].

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