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GUIDE TO UK ANCESTRY

The UK Ancestry visa route allows Commonwealth citizens who can prove that one of their grandparents was born in the UK, the Channel Islands, or the Isle of Man to live and work in the UK. This route offers a valuable pathway to live, work, and eventually settle in the UK, with the potential to apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain after five years of continuous residence.

At **Migrate UK**, we can assist you at every stage of the application process — from confirming your eligibility and gathering the necessary documentary evidence, to preparing and submitting a strong application on your behalf.



UK ANCESTRY REQUIREMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY

GOOD CHARACTER

Applicants must meet basic character and conduct standards, including having a clear immigration history and not posing any concerns to public interest or safety.

AGE & CITIZENSHIP

Must be aged 17 or above and be one of the following:

- Commonwealth citizen
- British Overseas citizen
- British Overseas Territories citizen
- British National Overseas
- Citizen of Zimbabwe
- Citizen of Gabon
- Citizen of Togo
- Citizen of Eswatini

ANCESTRY

You must have a grandparent born:

- In the UK, Channel Islands or the Isle of Man
- Before 31 March 1922 in what is now Ireland
- On a UK-registered or UK government-owned ship or aircraft.

WORK

Applicants must show they are able to work, and intend to seek, and take employment in the UK. Applicants on this route can work in any role, at any skill or salary level, including full-time, part-time, self-employed, or voluntary work.

FINANCIAL

Applicants must show they have enough money to support themselves and any dependants without relying on public funds. There is no fixed amount required, but adequate maintenance and accommodation must be demonstrated.

TIPS TO PREPARE FOR YOUR UK ANCESTRY APPLICATION

APPLYING FOR A UK ANCESTRY VISA IS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN YOUR IMMIGRATION JOURNEY. HERE'S A GUIDE TO HELP YOU ENSURE YOUR APPLICATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE.

GATHER KEY DOCUMENTATION

Proof of ID & lawful status:

- A valid passport or travel document
- Your full birth certificate
- The full birth certificates of your parents & grandparents
- Marriage certificates
- Name change documents

Intention to work:

- Job offers
- Business plan if self-employed
- Proof of qualifications
- Previous work history
- Job applications to UK employers
- Evidence of recruitment with a UK recruitment agency

Financial Evidence:

- Bank statements

MEET MANDATORY TEST REQUIREMENTS

Tuberculosis (TB) Testing:

Applicants from countries listed in Appendix T of the Immigration Rules must provide a TB clearance certificate from an approved centre before submitting their visa application to enter the UK.

PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

If applying with dependants

- Proof of your relationship with your partner and children.
- Additional funds to support your family.

The exact documentation may vary depending on your circumstances, therefore expert advice should always be sought first.

FAQ'S

Q: Can I apply for a UK Ancestry visa if I plan to volunteer in the UK?

A: Yes, you can apply for a UK Ancestry visa if you plan to volunteer in the UK.

Voluntary (unpaid) work is accepted as meeting the work requirement under this route. However, since you won't have a regular income, you'll need to show that you can financially support and accommodate yourself (and any dependants) without relying on public funds.

Q: Can I switch into the UK Ancestry visa from inside the UK?

A: No, you cannot switch into this visa category if you entered the UK on a different type of visa. You must leave the UK and submit an entry clearance (visa) application.

Q: Can I bring dependants to the UK?

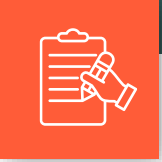
A: Yes, you can bring dependants to the UK on the UK Ancestry visa.

Eligible dependants include your partner, children under 18, and children aged 18 or over if they were previously granted permission as your (or your partner's) dependant. You'll need to provide evidence of your relationship as part of the application.

Q: Can my dependants apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain at the same time as I do?

A: If your dependants are on a valid UK Ancestry dependant visa and meet the residence and other requirements, they can apply for ILR alongside you.

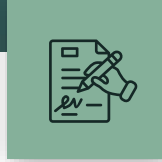
UK ANCESTRY VISA APPLICATION PROCESS



Preparing the application form

Complete the visa application form. Make sure all information is accurate and up to date, along with collating all the required documents to support the application.

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Signing and declaring application form

Once it is ready to be filed this will then lead to paying the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) fee of £5,175 & the visa application fee of £682.

2



Book an appointment

to enroll your biometric data, where you will have your fingerprints and photo taken.

3



Upload supporting documents

Such as passport, birth certificates, financial evidence, and test certificates to the application center's portal before the scheduled appointment

4

PROCESS TIMES

POST BIOMETRIC APPOINTMENT, IT WILL TYPICALLY TAKE THE FOLLOWING TIME TO RECEIVE A DECISION ON YOUR APPLICATION:

STANDARD SERVICE	= 3 Weeks	
PRIORITY SERVICE (if available)	= 5 Working Days	£500 Additional Charge
SUPER PRIORITY SERVICE (if available)	= 1-2 Working Days within the UK	£1000 Additional Charge

ONCE YOUR APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL

If you applied from overseas after 30th October 2025, your decision email or letter will tell you how to [access your eVisa](#) to see the permission you have been granted before you travel to the UK and whether you will get a vignette (visa sticker in your passport).

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER GAINING A GLOBAL TALENT VISA?

YOU CAN:

- Work
- Study
- Bring dependants if they are eligible

YOU CANNOT:

- Change into this visa if you came to the UK on a different visa
- Claim public funds

HOW CAN MIGRATE UK HELP?



At Migrate UK, we understand that the application process can be confusing and overwhelming. Our team of experienced immigration lawyers are on hand to provide tailored guidance and support throughout your UK Ancestry application journey.

Depending on the level of service you require, we offer the following services.



CONSULTATION

- ✓ Phone / video call where we discuss your suitability and eligibility for a UK Ancestry visa
- ✓ Outline of the application process
- ✓ Written summary post call

CHECK & ADVISE

- ✓ Check your supporting documents and offer recommendations, if applicable
- ✓ Check your completed application form and offer revisions, where needed
- ✓ Instructions for submission of application

FULL REPRESENTATION

- ✓ Preparation of application form and supporting letter templates on your behalf
- ✓ Submission, booking biometric appointment and uploading all documents to UKVI on your behalf
- ✓ Upon approval, we will provide instructions for your entry/stay in the UK

For a full description for each service, please refer to our guide attached.

CONSULTATION

£300 +VAT

- ✓ Phone / video call where we discuss your suitability and eligibility for a UK Ancestry visa
- ✓ Outline of the application process
- ✓ Written summary post call

CHECK & ADVISE

£750 +VAT

Consultation package plus:

- ✓ Phone/Video call where we discuss your suitability and eligibility for a UK Ancestry visa
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- ✓ Check your completed application form and offer revisions if needed
- ✓ Instructions for submission of application

FULL REPRESENTATION

FROM £2250 +VAT

- ✓ Phone/Video call where we discuss your suitability and eligibility for a UK Ancestry visa
- ✓ Preparation of application form and supporting letter templates on your behalf
- ✓ Discuss options available for expediting decision making and associated UKVI costs. Submission of application either by client or by legal representative using client's payment and provide copy of application form as evidence of submission
- ✓ Book biometric data enrolment appointment. Advice on location and premium services.
- ✓ Upload all supporting documents to relevant section within the online portal within the timelines stipulated.



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By entrusting your visa application to our legal partner Migrate UK, you can ensure that your case is handled professionally, reducing the risk of delays or refusals

THANK YOU

Contact us for an assessment or a quote on info@migrate-uk.com or 01235 645800.