

UNITED KINGDOM SKILLED WORKER VISA / ICT PROCESS MAP

STEP 6: BIOMETRIC RESIDENCE PERMIT COLLECTION

Once the biometric residence permit is completed, it should be collected from the Post Office branch mentioned in the application approval letter within 10 days of arrival in the UK by the applicant.

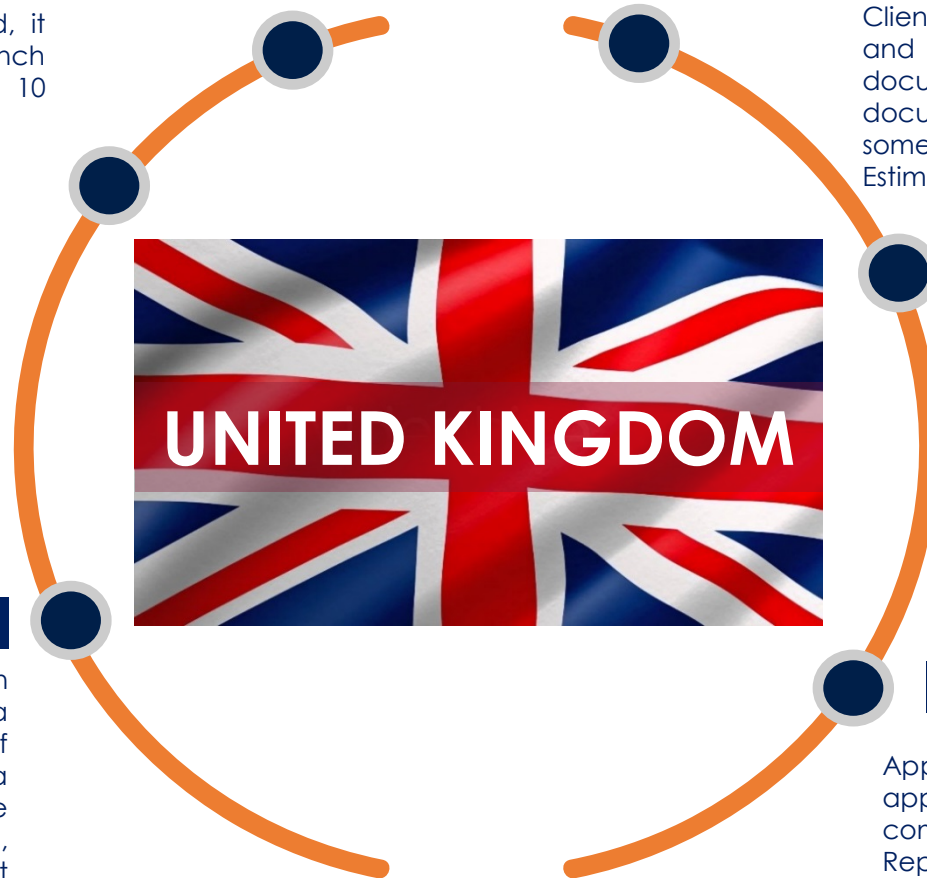
STEP 5: ENTRY TO THE UK

All applicants applying for visas valid for more than 6 months duration will be issued with a 30-day Travel Vignette that will be placed in their passport and will allow them to travel to the UK and commence employment with their UK sponsor. The visa will be valid for 30 days from the date of intended travel to the UK. Applicants will use this to travel to the UK.

The applicant can start working after this step.

STEP 4: BIOMETRICS & ENTRY CLEARANCE APPLICATION

The applicant will need to attend an appointment in person at the UK consulate or Embassy or the UK Visa Application Support Centre in the country of residence to submit biometric data (fingerprints and a photograph). In most cases, the entry clearance application is submitted at the same appointment, although depending on the country of application, it may be necessary to submit separately. Timing varies depending on the country of application, and should be checked directly with the Embassy or consulate.
 Estimated processing time: 3 – 4 weeks



STEP 1: INITIATION

Client initiates the case with FGI. FGI assesses work permit category and sends document checklist to the client. Client sends the documents listed on the checklist to FGI. Please note that documentation requirements will vary per work permit category and some documents may take longer than others to obtain.
 Estimated turnaround time: 1- 3 days

STEP 2: CERTIFICATE OF SPONSORSHIP (COS) ALLOCATION

The certificate of sponsorship (COS) is assigned online, using the Sponsorship Management System. Note that if the sponsor is prepared to take maintenance responsibility for the applicant (and dependents) for their first month of employment in the UK (which is recommended, as otherwise the applicant will need to provide personal details and evidence of funds at the entry clearance stage), they should indicate so at this stage.
 Estimated processing time: 1 – 3 days

STEP 3: ENTRY CLEARANCE APPLICATION & BIOMETRICS BOOKING

Applicants (and all family members) are required to book an appointment online to attend a Visa Application Center to complete Biometric Enrollment. This can be completed by Representatives on their behalf.
 Estimated processing time: 1 week