



# LEADING UK IMMIGRATION SPECIALISTS

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# INTRODUCTION

## WHO ARE WE?

Reiss Edwards is a leading London law firm specialising in UK Immigration, Nationality, Asylum, EU and Human rights law. At Reiss Edwards we have established a good working relationship with our clients and ensure that our client care is at the forefront of our services. We understand that providing immigration assistance is not simply a tick box exercise, it requires a proactive and tailor-made approach. With Reiss Edwards you will be left in no doubt that your future is in the best hands. Our office is situated in the heart of London, less than a minute walk from Chancery Lane underground station. Our expert team of lawyers have experience representing clients all over the world and communicate with our overseas clients through the use of the latest digital communication channels.

Our lawyers have strong legal backgrounds having been called to the Bar and qualified as solicitors in England and Wales. We are regulated at the highest level with the OISC, which allows us to represent clients from the initial application stage right the way through to the end, which may mean standing before Immigration Judges at the UK Immigration Tribunals for an appeal. To attain this standard of qualifications takes years of training, guaranteeing that the lawyer you work with is an expert legal practitioner and not just simply OISC registered. It is this strong legal background that puts Reiss Edwards ahead of our OISC competitors.



“The market place is saturated with poor immigration advice. There was a need for a firm able to offer a practical, one stop solution for clients whether this be for Immigration advice or finding a property once a visa is approved. Reiss Edwards was established on this foundation and have applied for successful business men and women across the world.”

Amar Ali, Managing partner, Reiss Edwards

# POTENTIAL INVESTOR, ENTREPRENEUR, OR SOLE REPRESENTATIVE

This brochure contains an overview of UK visa options for high-net worth individuals intending to apply for visas and British Passports on the basis of:

- making an investment in specified ways in either government bonds or qualifying companies; or
- setting up a business/taking over or invest in an existing company; or
- opening a branch in the UK of an existing business based overseas.

The Technical name for the visa categories that you may qualify for can be broken down into the following:

- Tier 1 Investor – See page 3 ;
- Tier 1 Entrepreneur – See page 4;
- Sole Representative of an Overseas business – See page 5.

This brochure concentrates on the above categories however, Reiss Edwards can also assist with other Immigration applications.

We have extensive experience in all areas of Immigration including Tier 4 (Students), Fiancé(e)/ Spouse/ Unmarried partner, EEA applications, Tier 2 (Work Permit), Sponsor Licences: guidance for UK Educational institutions/ UK companies on employing non-EU workers and Immigration and Asylum Appeals.

Call or email us today to have a FREE assessment of your case or visit us online. At Reiss Edwards we speak **Arabic**.

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# TIER 1 (INVESTOR)

Tier 1 (Investor) visa route is considered to be the most popular and least demanding when it comes to the requirements. This visa route leads to settlement (Indefinite Leave to Remain). The qualifying period for settlement depends on the amount invested:

- a) £10m allows you to apply for settlement in 2 years;
- b) £5m allows you to apply for settlement in 3 years;
- c) £2m allows you to apply for settlement in 5 years;

## INITIAL APPLICATION

- A minimum of £2m should be available to you and under your control, in a regulated financial institution, which is disposable in the UK. Money owned either jointly with or solely by your spouse, civil partner, unmarried or same-sex partner can be relied on; and

- You have opened an account with a UK regulated bank for the purposes of investing not less than £2 million in the UK;

- The money needs to be held in the account for 3 months prior to the application. If it has been in your account for less than 3 months, evidence must be provided of the source of the funds.

- As of 1st September 2015, you and adult dependents must provide an overseas criminal record certificate for any country you have resided in continuously for 12 months or more, in the 10 years prior to your application.

## EXTENSION APPLICATION<sup>1</sup>

- You must show investments of no less than £2 million in the UK through UK Government bonds, share capital or loan capital in active and trading UK registered companies within 3 months of your entry to the UK or within 3 months of the date of the grant of entry clearance or leave to remain as a Tier 1 (Investor) Migrant;

- You must show that you have maintained your investment to the specified level throughout your leave.

For £10m and £5m investments you do not need to apply for extension, you can apply directly for settlement within 2 years and 3 years respectively.

## WHY TIER 1 INVESTOR VISA?

- No English language requirement for you and your dependents;

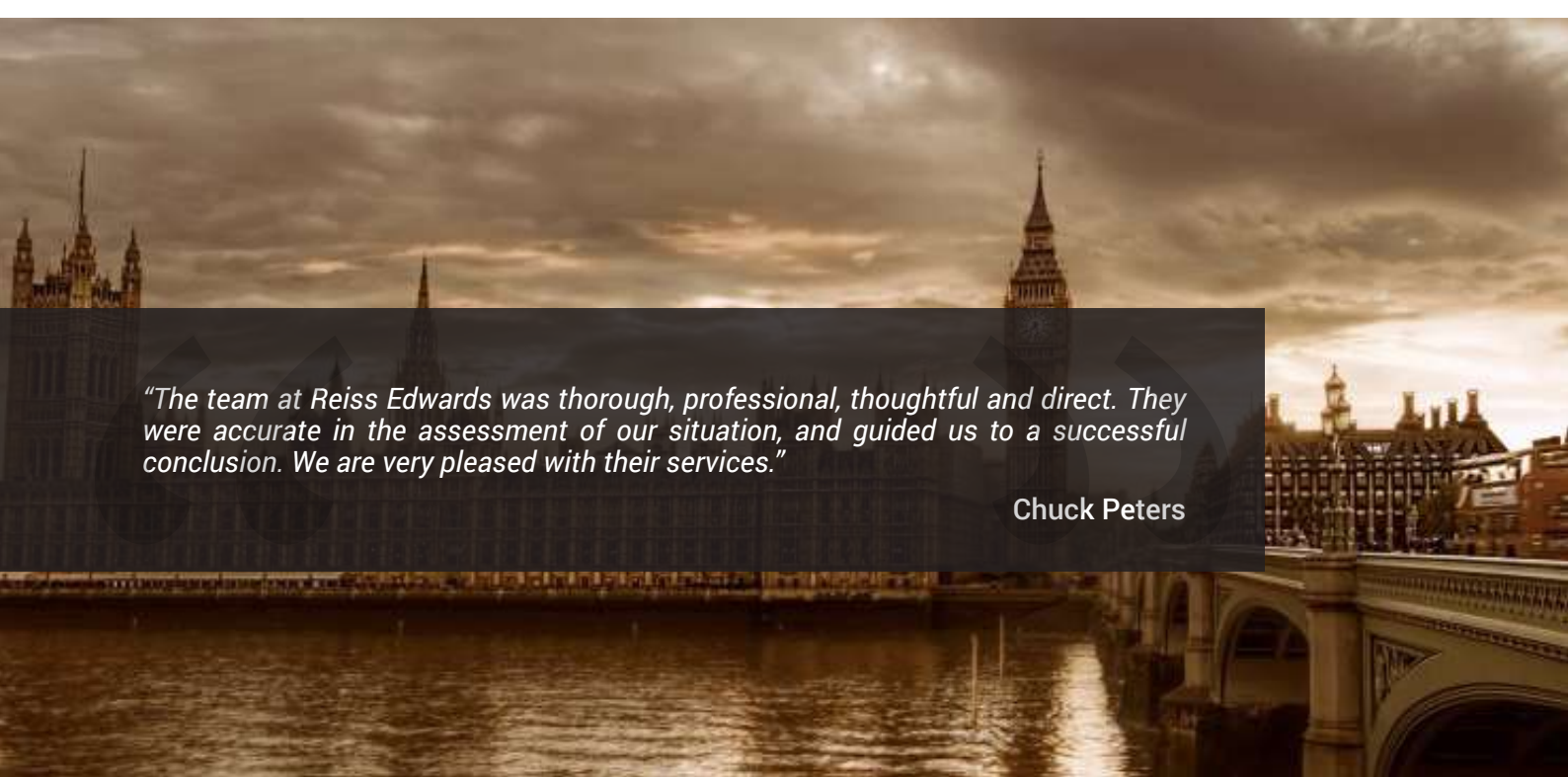
- No maintenance requirement;

- You can bring dependents with you, namely, your spouse or partner and children under 18;

- Limited work and study restrictions for you and your dependents;

- You are allowed to remain outside of the UK for a maximum of 180 days in any calendar year.

<sup>1</sup> If you were granted initial Tier 1 (Investor) entry clearance, leave to enter or leave to remain under the Rules in place before 6 November 2014, the requirements to extend your leave to remain as a Tier 1 (Investor) will slightly differ.



*"The team at Reiss Edwards was thorough, professional, thoughtful and direct. They were accurate in the assessment of our situation, and guided us to a successful conclusion. We are very pleased with their services."*

**Chuck Peters**

# TIER 1 (ENTREPRENEUR)

Tier 1 (Entrepreneur) route will suit you if you intend to start a business in the UK from scratch, takeover or invest in an existing company and be actively involved in its running.

**The qualifying period for settlement under this route is usually 5 years.** Please note, you may be able to qualify for settlement after 3 years if you meet the “accelerated route requirements”.

## INITIAL APPLICATION

- You must show that you have access to not less than £200,000 or £50,000<sup>2</sup> of your own money in a regulated financial institution, and which is disposable in the UK. You may rely on money that is owned either jointly with or solely by your spouse, civil partner, unmarried or same-sex partner or any other third parties;
- You must meet the English language and maintenance requirements; and
- You must satisfy the requirement of “Genuine Entrepreneur” test;
- You must provide a business plan. At Reiss Edwards we can help you to create a tailor made business plan;
- As of 1st September 2015, you and your adult dependents must provide an overseas criminal record certificate for any country you have resided in continuously for 12 months or more.

## EXTENSION APPLICATION

- You must show that you have invested not less than £200,000 directly into one or more UK businesses;
- You have registered as a director or as self-employed no more than 6 months after the date you were given permission to stay in the UK under a Tier 1 (Entrepreneur) visa;
- You can prove you have been self-employed or working as a director of a business 3 months before you apply;
- You have created at least 2 full time jobs;
- You must meet the maintenance requirement;
- You must satisfy the requirement of “Genuine Entrepreneur” test

## WHY TIER 1 ENTREPRENEUR VISA?

- You are allowed to remain outside of the UK for a maximum of 180 days in any calendar year;
- You can bring dependents with you, namely, your spouse or partner and children under 18;
- Your dependents have limited work and study restrictions;
- You can form an ‘entrepreneurial team’ with one other Tier 1 (Entrepreneur) applicant and share the same investment funds of £200,000.

<sup>2</sup> if you were last granted leave to remain as a Tier 1 Graduate Entrepreneur Migrant or if your investment funds of £50,000 come from a UK government department, a venture capital firm regulated with the Financial Conduct Authority, and/or a UK entrepreneurial seed funding competition endorsed by UKTI. Please note, the requirements for these differ and are not covered in this brochure

*“I would like to say big thank you to Reiss Edwards team. Reiss Edwards demonstrated professionalism in:*

- » *Time Management - helped me to get the visa by agreed date;*
- » *Detail focused - analyzed my case in detail and provided comprehensive cover letter;*
- » *Communication - kept me up to date and followed up on missing documents;*
- » *Customer centric - personal approach, always willing to answer questions.*

*I highly recommend Reiss Edwards.”*

**Saaly Temirkanov**

# SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF AN OVERSEAS BUSINESS

This route is for those who intend to set up a wholly owned subsidiary, or to register a UK branch for an overseas parent company.

**Qualifying period for settlement under this route is 5 years.**

## INITIAL APPLICATION

- You must be able to demonstrate that you have industry experience and knowledge of the business;
- You must have been recruited and employed outside the UK by a company whose headquarters and principal place of business is outside the UK;
- You must hold a senior position with that overseas company (but not be a major shareholder) and have full authority to take operational decisions on the company's behalf;
- You must show that you intend to establish the company's first commercial presence in the UK, namely, a registered branch or a wholly owned subsidiary;
- The company must not already have a branch, subsidiary or other representative in the UK;
- You must not intend to take any other employment in the UK;
- You must meet the maintenance requirement;
- You must meet the English language requirement.

## EXTENSION APPLICATION

- You intend to only work for the same employer in the same job as the entry clearance was granted for;
- You intend to work full-time for the employer as a representative of an overseas business;

- Your employer's principal place of business is still outside the UK;

- You must meet the maintenance requirement;

- You must prove you are still:

a) continue as a senior employee with full authority to take operational decisions;

b) in receipt of a salary from their employer by providing evidence of the salary paid in the previous 12 months and confirmation of how that salary was paid;

c) needed by the employer;

- You must prove that you established and are in charge of a branch or subsidiary in the same type of activity as the parent company. And provide evidence confirming that you have generated business, principally with firms in the UK, on behalf of your employer since entry to the UK;

## WHY SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF AN OVERSEAS BUSINESS VISA?

» You are allowed to remain outside of the UK for a maximum of 180 days in any calendar year;

» You can bring dependents with you, namely, your spouse or partner and children under 18;

» Your dependents have limited work and study restrictions;

» You can stay in the UK if your company's circumstances change and you have been here for more than 2 years;

» You are not required to have access to a set amount of funds.

*"Best service the whole team was very helpful and supportive. My visa was granted to me within a month."*

**Qasim Sheikh**



# ADDITIONAL SERVICES

We understand that after applying for your visa, there will be additional services that you may require. After a successful immigration application, we will have gained your trust and so you may want to ask us for help outside of applying for a visa.

Our team are ready to help and can assist with the following, and more, if required:

## SAMPLE OF SERVICES:

- » Company formation services including company registration, Intellectual Property and Tax structure;
- » Accounting and tax services such as unaudited or audited accounts, VAT returns, PAYE, NI, Corporate and Income Tax, payroll;
- » Bank account services (helping you open business/private bank accounts);
- » Setting up your offices (virtual office or dedicated office space);
- » Recruitment and administrative services;
- » Formation of offshore companies and help with setting up of Trusts.
- » A business plan is essential roadmap for business success. At Reiss Edwards we can help you to create a tailor made business plan.




Reiss Edwards has a personalised approach to every client and our qualified staff will ensure the smooth running of your business. We will go the extra mile to deliver exceptional and tailor-made services.

Reiss Edwards offers holistic relocation services. We can assist you with finding a property in accordance with your requirements and help you with the purchase of the property in the UK. We can arrange educational courses for adults or if you are planning to send your child to study in the UK, a country which is renowned for its reputation, quality and tradition of teaching, we can help you or your children with admission to the most prestigious educational institutions in the UK.

*"Amar and the rest of the staff at Reiss Edwards provided excellent and attentive service, and were quite thorough in processing our immigration matter. They were quick to respond to complex questions with considered and accurate advice, and I would absolutely rely on them if I ever needed further assistance on immigration matters."*

**Erik Lambert**



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