

TIER 2 (SKILLED WORKER VISA)



A Tier 2 visa allows you to enter or remain in the UK and work for a specific employer. All Tier 2 cases are handled by highly qualified Immigration team in South Africa and the United Kingdom. We work with both employers and employees to ensure that the Tier 2 visa process goes as smoothly as possible from both ends.

The Tier 2 visa route allows businesses to employ skilled non-EU nationals. If the business has been unable to find someone with the necessary skillset in the UK. Both the workers and their employers are involved in applying for this type of visa. It's not straightforward for either employer or employee and any mistake can cause delays that are disruptive and stressful.

What Are The Eligibility Requirements I Need To Meet For A Skilled Worker Visa?

To secure a Skilled Worker visa, you will need to meet the following eligibility criteria:
Have a job offer from a UK employer.

(If you do not have a sponsor, we can secure sponsorship for you from one of many companies' HR we directly & indirectly partner & work with)

The employer must be on the list of licensed sponsors approved by the Home Office
The employer must have issued you with a valid 'Certificate of Sponsorship'.
The job for which you are being employed must be on the list of eligible occupations.
Meet the skill level requirement.
Meet the minimum salary requirements.
Meet the English language requirements.
Meet other financial and salary requirements.

How Long Can You Stay In The UK?

The Skilled Worker visa is a long-term visa and will be initially granted for a period of up to (5yrs) five years (this will depend on the duration of your Certificate of Sponsorship). It is important to note that your visa is only valid if you remain in the same role with your sponsoring employer.

Before your visa expires and if you intend to stay longer in the UK, it is essential that you act, either by extending your current visa, applying for a new visa (e.g., a spouse visa if you have married or entered a civil partnership during your time in the UK), or applying for indefinite leave to remain.

The key point is that you can extend your visa as many times as you wish, as long as you still meet the eligibility criteria, and you are still sponsored by the same employer.

Can I Switch to Another Visa Category From Within The UK?

Yes, in most cases, you will be able to 'switch' to a Skilled Worker visa if you are already in the UK on a different visa type. 'Switching' means that you can apply for a Skilled Worker visa from within the UK (i.e. you do not need to leave the UK to submit your application). To switch to a Skilled Worker visa, you will need to meet the eligibility criteria listed above. The only circumstances under which it is not possible to switch to a Skilled Worker visa within the UK are if you currently hold one of the following types of leave:

- ✓ UK visitor visa.
- ✓ Short-term study visa.
- ✓ Parent of a Child Student visa.
- ✓ Seasonal worker visa.
- ✓ Domestic worker in a private household visa.
- ✓ Immigration bail.
- ✓ Given permission to stay outside the immigration rules (e.g., on compassionate grounds).

All the Best regards,

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