

UK immigration law

Fiancé(e)

Individuals wishing to enter the UK on the basis of their relationship with a British national or a person present and settled in the UK do not have an automatic right of entry. Instead it is necessary to apply for a visa to enter the UK in the correct capacity.

In order to qualify for entry to the UK as a fiancé(e) you must show that:

- You are seeking to enter the UK for marriage to a British citizen or a person present and settled in the UK or, if the person you are seeking to marry is living overseas, s/he arrives in the UK at the same time as you;
- You plan to marry or register a civil partnership within a reasonable time (usually six months);
- You plan to live together permanently after you are married or have registered a civil partnership;
- You have met each other before;
- There is somewhere for you and your dependants to live until you get married or register a civil partnership;
- After marriage, there will be adequate maintenance and accommodation which you own or occupy exclusively without help from public funds;
- Your fiancé(e) is not under 21;
- You are not under 21 at the date of arrival in the UK;
- You have passed the acceptable English language test; and
- You hold a valid UK entry clearance (visa) for entry in this capacity.

Duration of a fiancé(e) visa

Fiancé(e) visas are granted for a period of six months during which time you should marry your fiancé(e).

Extending a fiancé(e) visa

If it is not possible for you to marry within the period of your visa, you may be able to extend your visa. However you must show good cause as to why the marriage has not taken place and be able to show when the marriage will take place. Once married you will be able to apply to change your immigration status to 'Spouse' whilst in the UK.

An applicant cannot work in the UK whilst on a fiancé(e) visa.

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