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How to Get Endorsed in 5 Simple Steps

A Short Guide by UK Visa Business Plans

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Step 1 – Pre Approval

To save time and resources, it is worth getting some initial feedback from an Endorsing Body to see whether or not they are interested in your idea.

Do note that this step is only available to Official Partners - such as us!

Requirements:

A brief executive summary of the business idea, outlining the innovative, viability and scalability aspects of the proposal.

If you don't have your own idea, check out our "[pre-approved ideas](#)".

Time Scales:

Once we receive a copy of your executive summary, we should get a response from an Endorsing Body within 2-3 working days.



Step 2 – Business Plan

Congratulations! If your business concept has been pre-approved, there is a very strong likelihood that you will be able to obtain an endorsement.

Stage 2 is preparing a detailed business plan that is bespoke to your idea and your background.

Requirements:

Applicants are required to complete our online Client Information Form, which can be found [HERE](#).

Time Scales:

Our team of expert plan writers will take 10 working days for an initial draft, followed by an additional 3-5 working days for any further amendments after you have reviewed the draft.



Step 3 – Endorsement Application

Upon finalising the business plan, we can move onto making a formal endorsement application. This is almost like a “mini” visa application, which goes to the Endorsing Body for consideration.

Requirements:

Applicant's passport, final business plan, evidence of funds and evidence of English Language.

Time Scales:

The Endorsing Body will usually take 3-5 working days to process the application after which, they will invite the applicant to a virtual interview.



Step 4 – Virtual Interview

The online interview will often last between 45-60 minutes. It is important that you have a steady internet connection, as well as a quiet environment to ensure the meeting goes as smoothly as possible.

During the meeting, the Endorsing Body will most likely ask you to give an introduction about your business, as well as your academic/work background.

There are not any “set questions”, so do go into this stage with an open mind - the conversation may go in any direction!

It would also be well-advised to ensure you know the business plan very well, especially details of your CV, your business idea's USP/innovation, your potential competitors and your financial forecasts.



Step 5 – Offer and Acceptance

If everything goes to plan, the Endorsing Body will make an offer in writing within 1-2 working days after the virtual interview.

The offer may have been discussed during the meeting already, so the written offer would simply be a confirmation of what was agreed.

An offer will usually consist of a business support package or venture builder, which will incur a monthly fee paid to the Endorsing Body over the duration of the visa.

A deposit is also often required as confirmation of you accepting the offer.



The Endorsement Letter

Once you have accepted the offer, the Endorsing Body will issue you with a draft Endorsement Letter to ensure all the details are correct.

After checking the details are correct, the Endorsing Body will issue the official Endorsement Letter, which is linked with the UK Home Office's system.

At this point, you must submit your visa application within 3 months of receiving the official Endorsement Letter.

If you haven't already, you may want to instruct an immigration lawyer to assist you with the visa process.



Further Information

We hope you found this short guide useful and informative.

For further information on how we can assist you with obtaining an Endorsement Letter, please contact one of our expert business plan writers

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