



# UK Visas & Immigration

## Applying for a visa to visit the UK from the Kenya

**Step 1:** Check if you need a visa for the UK:

Use our visa application checker at <https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa> to confirm the type of visa you would like to apply for

**Step 2:** Apply for your visa online from one of these two portals:

- [Access UK](#)
- [Visa4UK](#)

We recommend that you use Google Chrome to access these sites.

After clicking on the link to the Access UK service you will be asked a few pre-application questions including the country you are applying in. Applicants applying in Kenya have a choice to submit in Nairobi or Mombasa. Once you have answered these questions you start the application.

The application form takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. You will be asked a series of questions relating to your circumstances, the arrangements for your accommodation and your financial circumstances.

**Step 3:** Confirm that you are able to submit the mandatory documents and that the information you have provided is accurate.

We provide guidance on documents you may wish to submit with your application for a visit visa to help demonstrate your circumstances to the visa officer:

- Visitor visa: <https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa/documents-you-must-provide>

**Note:** You will be asked to select the length of visa you would like to apply for. Please note that the fee will be different dependant on the length and type of visa you would like to apply for. Information on our visa fees can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/visa-fees>.

**Step 4:** Book an Appointment. You will need to book an appointment at a Visa Application Centre, which is managed by our commercial partner, TLScontact.

Once you have selected an appointment date and time, you will start the payment process. Select your card provider and then select 'Continue to Worldpay' to complete your payment. When you have paid for your visa application please download and print your visa application form to take with you to your visa appointment.



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**Step 4:** Register with our commercial partner; TLScontact: <https://uk.tlscontact.com/>

Registering with TLScontact makes it easier to check in when arriving for your visa application appointment. It also allows you to use the application status tracker to track the progress of your visa application once you have submitted your application.

**Step 5:** Attend your appointment at the Visa Application Centre selected by you and listed on your printed application form. At your appointment, TLScontact staff will also take your form, passport, documents, fingerprint and photograph. All UK visa applications are decided by UK Visas & Immigration staff. Staff at the Visa Application Centre have no influence at all over the outcome of any visa application. Your application and supporting documents will then be sent the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) office in Pretoria for processing. Once a decision has been made on your application your passport will be returned to the Visa Application Centre and you will be notified when it is ready for collection.