

UK Spouse Visa Process: UK Border Agency (UKBA) Changes Affecting Settlement Applications

NEW YORK, N.Y., April 15, 2013 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – MarriageVisaHelp, a global visa consultancy specializing in family immigration, today announced that two important changes have recently been made by the UK Border Agency (UKBA) which will affect those applying for a [UK spouse visa](#), [UK fiancée visa](#), UK unmarried (de facto) partner visa and other family visas under the settlement category.

Effective 28 February 2013, anyone applying for a UK settlement marriage visa from the Philippines is now required to undergo a mandatory medical screening to show that they are free from active tuberculosis. The TB screening applies to anyone over the age of 11, while children under this age will need to be assessed by a designated panel physician as to whether they need to be fully tested or not.

All testing and assessment must be carried out by an approved clinic in the Philippines before submitting a UK fiancée or [marriage visa application](#) to the British High Commission in Manila. There are non-refundable fees associated with the testing.

The new immigration fees for UK family visa applications came into force on 6 April 2013. All settlement visa categories are rising in price to 851 pounds, an additional 25 pounds per visa issued. The relevant categories are the [UK marriage \(spousal\) visa](#), UK fiancée visa, UK unmarried partner visa, UK civil partnership visa and also the proposed civil partner visa category. In-country postal further leave to remain (FLRm) applications based on marriage to a British Citizen or UK legal permanent resident, are also rising in price, but perhaps of most interest is a new fee of 375 pounds on top of any charges to anyone applying for a UK spouse or partner visa in person (same day service).

This will include a non-refundable appointment fee of 100 pounds and dependents will be charged separately in all cases. Applicants can use old UK visa application forms for 21 days following the increase, but these should be accompanied by the new fee.

MarriageVisaHelp ([Marriagevisahelp.com](http://marriagevisahelp.com)) is a full-service immigration consultancy firm dedicated solely to marriage visas. The firm specializes exclusively in fiancée, partner and spouse immigration. MarriageVisaHelp senior immigration consultants have over 30 years of combined experience in family visas.

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