



Introduction

Hong Kong British National Overseas (BNO) status is a type of British nationality introduced

to the handover to China on

1 July 1997. It is not possible to apply for BNO status now.

Due to the new security legislation that the Chinese Government introduced in Hong Kong, the UK government has announced a new Hong Kong British National (Overseas) visa route.

What is the new Hong Kong British National (Overseas) visa and who should apply for it?

The new route will be open to British National (Overseas) (BNO) citizens and their family members **provided that they are ordinarily resident in Hong Kong**.

Applications will be made via a new digital process similar to the arrangements under the EU/EEA Settlement Scheme. This means that applicants will not need to attend any appointments in-person.

A digital visa will be granted. The standard visa will be granted for an initial period of two and a half years. It is possible to extend this and after five years, apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain (also known as settlement) which will grant the right to remain in the UK indefinitely. There will also be the option to apply for an initial five year visa (avoiding the need for an extension application). However, this will be at a higher cost.

Once the visa is granted, you and your family members will be able to live in the UK and if desired, work on an employed or self-employed basis. You will also be able to study at any level with no restrictions. Children can be enrolled at either a public school or an independent school.

At the time of the application you will be asked to pay for the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS), giving you access to the National Health Service. However, you will not be able to access public funds.

Where should I apply for the Hong Kong BN(O) visa?

The policy statement confirms that from 31 January 2021, applications will be accepted from within and outside the UK. **This is provided you are ordinarily resident in Hong Kong at the time of the application.**

How much does it cost to apply for the Hong Kong BN(O) visa?

You and each of your family members will need to pay the visa application fee and the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS).

The application fee depends on the length of leave you have applied for:

£180 to apply to stay for 30 months.

£250 to apply to stay for 5 years.

The Immigration Health Surcharge for each adult will be:

The Immigration Health Surcharge for each child under the age of 18 will be:

Is there a deadline to apply for the Hong Kong BN(O) visa?

Currently, , but you will not be able to apply before 31 January 2021.

What documents will I need to submit with my Hong Kong BN(O) visa application?

to submit the following:

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Office should be able to check your status from records. If you have an expired BN(O) passport you can submit it with your application.

A valid travel document, i.e. a valid Hong Kong Special Administrative Region passport.

Evidence to show that you can accommodate and provide financial support for yourself and your family members

UK for more than a year when you apply.

A tuberculosis (TB) test certificate from an approved centre, unless you were last given e provided a TB test certificate before.

Do applicants need to be able to provide evidence of their English language?

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a formal English language requirement.

Applicants will need to meet a formal English language requirement if they wish to settle in the UK after five years. This can either be an approved English language qualification at Level B1 or above or a degree taught0003>447(d)-8ETBT1 0 ET62o0 1 72.024 21 0 1 72.024 215.11 Tme suL

