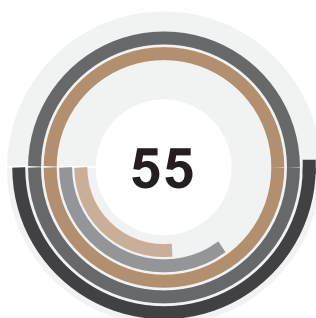




# UNITED KINGDOM

*Immigrant Investor Program*

## Aura INDEX



**8** COST   **7** SPEED   **20** GLOBAL MOBILITY   **10** QUALITY OF LIFE   **10** SIMPLICITY

*The Aura Index is an overall assessment and comparative benchmark of the country and its investment program.*

### LOCATION

Western Europe, Islands

### CAPITAL

London

### TIME DIFFERENCE

UTC 0

### TOTAL AREA

243,610 km<sup>2</sup>

### AGE DEMOGRAPHICS

0-14: 17.65%, 15-24: 12%, 25-54: 40.31%, 55-64: 12%, 65+: 18.04%

### LANGUAGE

English

### RELIGIONS

Christian: 59.5%, Muslim: 4.4%, Hindu: 1.3%, Other: 2.0%, Unspecified or None: 32.8%

### GOVERNMENT TYPE

Parliamentary constitutional monarchy and Commonwealth realm

### CURRENCY

British pound (GBP)

### EXCHANGE RATE

1 USD = 0.738 GBP (2017)



**64,769,452**

Population growth  
0.52%

**42,400 USD**

GDP (per capita)  
GDP (purchasing power parity):  
2.785 trillion USD

**159**

Visa-free countries



*Looking for a diverse, prosperous and perfectly located place to call home? Look no further than the UK, an economic and cultural hub boasting one of the best and most sought-after standards of living in the world.*

## QUALIFICATIONS

Offered through our joint venture with a UK-authorized financial institution, the UK Immigrant Investor Program is a three-tiered system enabling individuals who invest at a higher level to be granted residency sooner. To qualify for the program, applicants must fulfill one of the investment options as well as meet the following requirements:

- ◇ Be able to maintain and accommodate yourself and any dependents without taking employment (outside of self-employment or business);
- ◇ Make the UK your main home. Investors will need to spend at least 50% of their time there (6 out of 12 months) to maintain their visa status.

## WHY CHOOSE THE UK?

Residency or citizenship status in the UK provides investors with a world of exclusive benefits:

- ◇ A diverse and multicultural society represented by large cultural and ethnic communities;
- ◇ A superior standard of education, a broad network of state and private schools, and more than 150 universities and higher education institutions;
- ◇ One of the best free health care services in the world;
- ◇ A member of the G8;
- ◇ A key member of the EU, which means greater business opportunities throughout Europe;
- ◇ An unrivalled financial business center (London);
- ◇ An attractive tax regime for high net worth investors classed as "UK resident, non-domicile";
- ◇ The travel mobility and security of a UK passport.



## INVESTMENT PROCESS

Applicants must invest in UK government bonds, share capital or loan capital in active and trading UK-registered companies.

As shown in the table below, the higher the investment, the faster the applicant will obtain their stay for settlement.

### *Investment Tiers*

FULL INVESTMENT:	£2 million
STAY FOR SETTLEMENT (ILR):	5 years
FULL INVESTMENT:	£5 million
STAY FOR SETTLEMENT (ILR):	3 years
FULL INVESTMENT:	£10 million
STAY FOR SETTLEMENT (ILR):	2 years

## CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS

*Individuals who have lived in the UK for five or more years are eligible to apply for UK citizenship as long as they meet the following residency requirements:*

- ◇ Be absent from the country for no more than 90 days (3 months) in the 12 months preceding the application. The total number of days spent outside the UK for the entire 5-year qualifying period should not exceed 450 days (i.e. 3 months of every year, or 75% of your time);
- ◇ Be of good moral character and not in breach of any immigration laws;
- ◇ Demonstrate a good knowledge of UK life and culture, and a basic level of English, Welsh or Scottish Gaelic languages.

## APPLICATION FEES

*All application fees charged by the UK government and by Aura are subject to change. These fees depend on the number of applicants and the complexity of the process. Please contact us if you have any questions or need more information.*



## STEPS AND TIMELINE

*The following table breaks down the program application process into eight basic steps. Each step must be completed before continuing to the next.*

### PHASE I

#### *Investment*

**MONTHS 1-2**

#### STEP 1

File preparation and submission. Application fees are due at this stage.

#### STEP 2

Aura Capital issues a pre-approval letter to the applicant.

#### STEP 3

Investment transfer by the applicant.

#### STEP 4

Upon receipt of funds, the bank issues a confirmation letter for assets verification, allowing the applicant to proceed to phase II.

### PHASE II

#### *Visa Application*

**MONTHS 3-4**

#### STEP 5

Application for Tier 1 visa is prepared and filed with UK Border Agency in applicant's country of residence.

#### STEP 6

Applicant and family members must submit to biometrics at the UK Border Agency where visa application was filed.

#### STEP 7

Once application is approved, applicant and family present original passports for visa labels to be stamped.

**MONTHS 5-6**

#### STEP 8

Upon landing in the UK, applicant must go to the bank to complete investment procedure.

Aura's Global Citizen Programs are represented by a network of Certified Partners who are proud members and supporters of the Global Citizenship movement.

The United Kingdom Immigrant Investor Program is offered by Aura Capital, a member of the Aura Group. The above timeline is an estimate provided for information purposes only based on experiences with past clients. Processing times and costs will vary depending on a number of factors. Aura Capital is not responsible for any changes to the estimations above; we can provide specific time and cost estimates on an individual basis. Please refer to our website for the most up-to-date information.