



**EBRD Annual Meeting
13 – 14 May 2020
London – United Kingdom**

Annual Meeting participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements. Those persons requiring visas should apply to the United Kingdom visa application centre in their country of residence or nearest designated centre.

We strongly recommend applying for visas at least six weeks ahead of your intended arrival date in the UK. UK Visas and Immigration aims to process applications within 15 working days, however further checks may be required and sometimes applications do take a little longer. In many locations there is an additional fee for a fast-track visa service.

UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) recommend that applicants read the guidance on the GOV.UK website and on the website of their Commercial Supplier where they intend to apply.

All applications must be accompanied by an invitation email from the EBRD.

UKVI decision making centres worldwide have been informed about the EBRD Annual Meeting.

Please note that persons requiring a visa must obtain one in advance of travel. It is not possible to apply for a visa on arrival in the UK.

Travellers are advised to check carefully that all particulars on the visa, including the name, date of birth, visa start date and passport number, are correct before travelling. The Bank cannot be held responsible for any mistakes made by the visa-issuing authority.

Procedure for Submission of Visa Applications

Each visa application should contain the following:

- A print-out of the online visa application form
- A passport valid for at least the planned duration of stay in the UK from the application date and with at least one empty page - blank on both sides - for the visa (please note that some airlines may expect to see a passport valid for at least six months)
- 2 passport photographs
- A signed visa support document (the print-out of the invitation received by email).
- Up-to-date evidence of current employment (i.e. a letter from your employer that specifies that you are being sponsored. If you are self-sponsored, you need to be able to prove that you can afford the visit)
- Recent personal bank statement
- Details of the address at which you will be staying in the UK (if staying in private accommodation, please provide a letter from the relevant friend or family member)

The GOV.UK website has advice on supporting documents you may want to submit with your application:

<https://visas-immigration.service.gov.uk/product/uk-visit-visa>

Countries such as Cuba, Iran, Palestinian Occupied Territories and Sudan, all applications should be made online, through <https://www.visa4uk.fco.gov.uk>.

Specific information by country can be found on the GOV.UK website

<https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa>

General information on visiting the United Kingdom can be found on the UK Visas and Immigration Homepage <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration>

General information on Visa fees are available on: <https://visa-fees.homeoffice.gov.uk/>

Guide to suggested supporting documents on GOV.UK:

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

The UKVI contact details for people applying overseas are at:

<https://www.gov.uk/contact-ukvi-outside-uk>

A guide to processing times at each DMC is on GOV.UK:

<https://www.gov.uk/visa-processing-times>