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The Reunite Families UK Letter

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Government confirms amounts of visa fees increase from 4th of October and delays to later in the autumn IHS increase

Following an [announcement earlier](#) in the summer of a visa fees increase to pay for the public sector wage increase, the government has now [confirmed](#) the figures of these increases which will apply from the 4th of October.

On this page you will be able to see the [full list of immigration and nationality fees](#) which also includes the amount of the fee increase compared to the current fees.

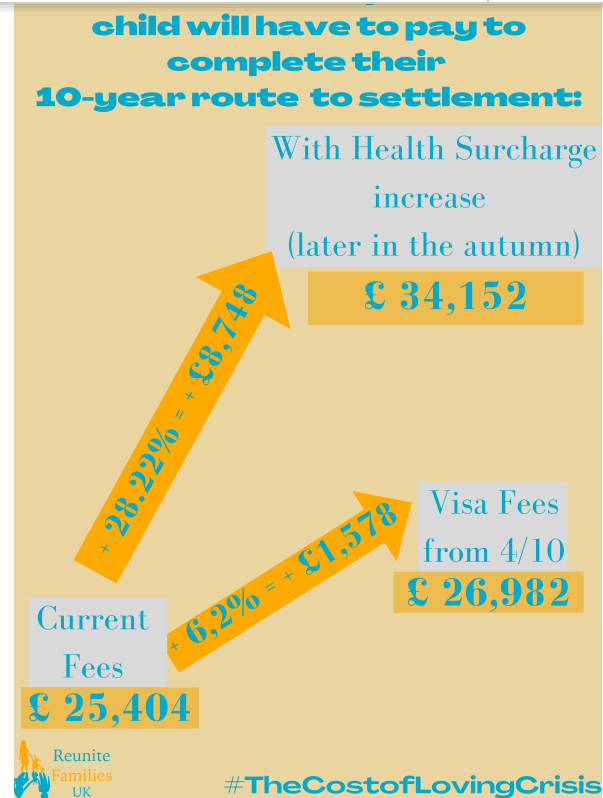
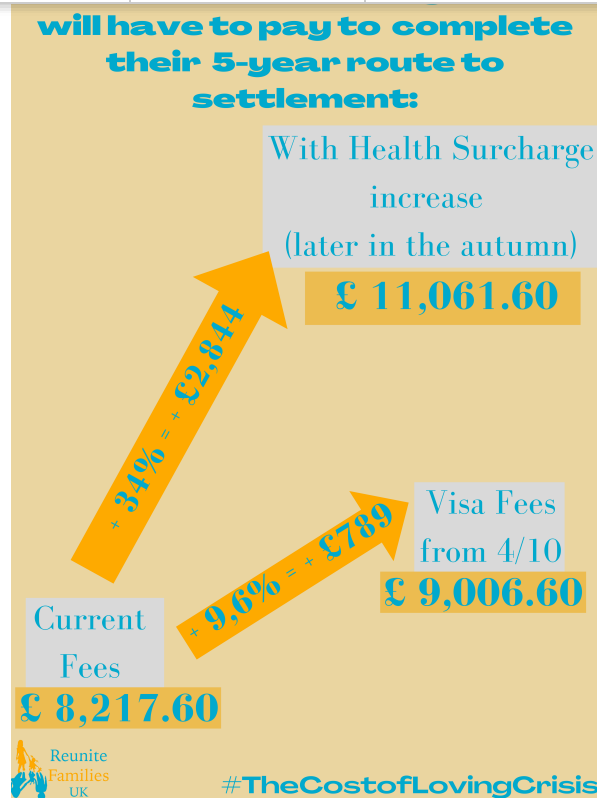
As part of their announcement the government also confirmed that the already announced 66% increase to the Immigration Health Surcharge (which will mean a draconian £1.024 per year per adult) will be introduced later in the Autumn but hasn't given as of yet a specific date.

To illustrate the impact these new increases will have on the families we work with, in the image here below we have outlined the impact the increases will have on the 5 and 10-year route to settlement.

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Ask your local Councillors to sign the letter against divisive and disingenuous latest draconian visa fees increases

Reunite Families UK, together with the [Migrant Champions Network](#) has organised a letter, which will be sent to the Home Secretary, in which Councillors of all political affiliations across the country can signal their strong opposition to the extremely high visa fees increases which are [due to be implemented](#) from the 4th of October 2023.

The [letter](#) strongly criticises the government's assertion that the visa fee increase will be used to fund a much-deserved public sector pay increase as unnecessarily divisive and disingenuous, especially given that migrants are overrepresented in many of the frontline sectors that have been fighting for more pay.

The letter follows another one in which migrant communities, frontline migrants' rights NGOs (including Reunite) and some of the UK's [biggest labour unions](#), including the GMB and the British Medical Association call for a change of course given the dire consequences it will represent for countless people who would lose the right and ability to exist safely in the place they call home.

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colleagues across the Council and neighbouring authorities as we believe that the highly deserved public sector pay increase shouldn't be paid by our friends, neighbours who deserved to be able to afford to live in the place they call home.

[Read and share the Letter with your local Councillors](#)

Sign up to one of our monthly Support Sessions ! - Limited spaces available

We are running a free online support group for parents and couples impacted by the UK spouse visa policy. This will be a safe online space for couples and families. Rissa Mohabir, a trauma awareness facilitator who also has her own personal experience of how harsh the immigration system can be will lead the sessions.

The sessions will offer a chance to connect with others who are going through a similar experience; to explore self-care resources; and to share your experiences and feelings if you wish to.



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Join our advocacy training and help us make change happen !

Connected with the above in the coming months we will organise a series of training sessions and webinars in which we will try to sharpen our collective advocacy skills in the run-up to the General Election next year where a stronger advocacy voice for a more humane and fair family migration policy will be essential.

Sign-up to our advocacy sessions !

Mental Health Research report due to be published very soon

We are extremely happy to let you know that after months of intense research and focus groups we are approaching the completion of the first report of our research project into the mental health impact of the spouse visa policy on children and their families.

Do follow our social media channels and website where the research and key findings will be published.

We will appreciate if you could help us spread the results of the research amongst your networks and social media channels.

APPGs on Migration and Poverty looking for your experiences on impact of immigration system in causing poverty.

The All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Migration and the APPG on Poverty have recently launched their written call for evidence as part of a joint inquiry into The

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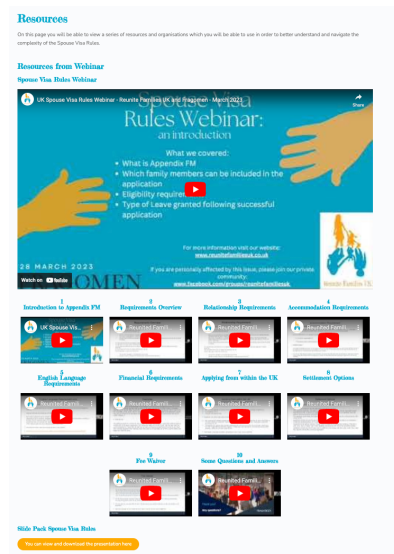
They would like to hear from organisations and individuals, with different kinds of expertise and lived experience, about how different immigration policies currently contribute to poverty amongst some communities in the UK and, together as a group of cross-party parliamentarians, to develop a set of shared recommendations for this Government - and any future Governments.

We urge everybody to fill in the lived experience questionnaire so that the voice of people affected by the spouse visa rules will be heard !

Fill in the Lived Experience Questionnaire

Brand new Resources page

We are glad to be able to present our brand-new [resource page](#). On it you will be able to view and download the resources produced as part of our webinars as well as names of external organisations which we think could help you navigate the family migration policies and its impact on your families.



BREXIT COUPLES

We are really pleased to be part of the advisory board of this [new research project](#) looking at the impact of Brexit on UK-EU couples who must apply for leave as a spouse or partner under British immigration law.

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