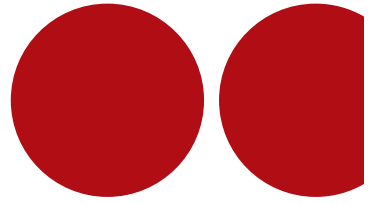
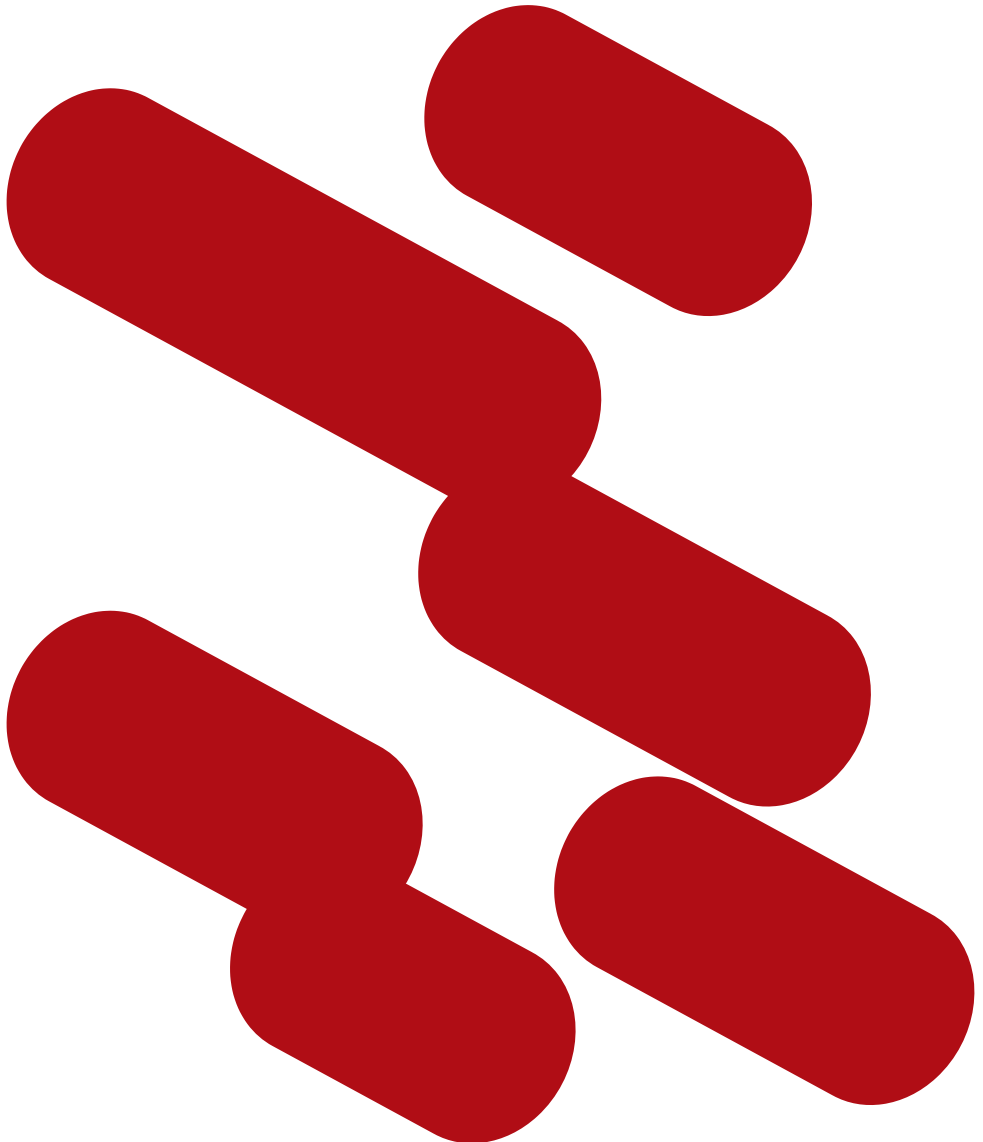


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The immigration laws including the rules concerning business visitor visas in the UK have been recently reformed. Individuals are still able to enter the UK as a business visitor but this visa is still very restrictive in terms of the amount and type of work which can be carried out.

If you are an individual coming and going from the UK on a regular basis and working please seek advice to ensure you do not risk being denied entry and future problems in obtaining a visa or indeed face tax liabilities in the UK.



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In order to enter the UK as a business visitor you must be able to show that you:

- Only want to visit the UK for up to six months plan to leave the UK at the end of your visit (and can meet the cost of the return journey)
- Have enough money to support and accommodate yourself without working
- Do not intend to charge members of the public for services provided or goods received
- Do not intend to study
- Are placed abroad and have no intention of transferring your base to the UK even temporarily and continue to receive your salary from abroad

You must also show that you plan to do one or more of the permissible activities which include (but is not limited to):

- Attending meetings interviews that have been arranged before coming to the UK or conferences
- Arranging, dealing or negotiating or signing trade agreements or contracts
- Undertaking fact finding missions
- Conducting site visits
- Delivering goods and passengers from abroad.
- A visa in this category can only be granted for up to six months and an individual is unable to change to any other visa whilst on a business visitor visa in the UK.

Disclaimer: This note does not contain a full statement of the law and it does not constitute legal advice. Please seek legal advice if you have any questions about the information set out above.



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