

UK launches new 24-hour priority visa service in Nigeria

This month, UK Visas and Immigration launched a new 24-hour Super Priority Visa service in Nigeria. The introduction of this service allows customers greater flexibility to choose from a number of visa products to meet their needs; it is offered alongside the current Priority Visa (front of queue processing 5-7 day) and standard (15 day) services.



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The UK is the only European country to offer a visa decision in 24 hours. The SPV service is aimed largely at key business customers and those needing to travel urgently by providing a visa decision for collection at the Visa Application Centre the working day following submission. The service costs £750, in addition to the visa fee, and will be available to eligible customers applying in the Abuja and Lagos Victoria Island Visa Application Centres.

Customers applying in any one of the following immigration routes are eligible to use this service:

- Visitors (all short stay visa categories, including those travelling for business and tourists).
- Points Based System Tier 4 (applicants must be legally resident in Nigeria).

Appointments are available Monday to Thursday from 08.30am to 10.00am, and Fridays from 08.30am to 09.00am at the Abuja and Lagos Victoria Island Visa Applications Centres only.

Welcoming the introduction of the Super Priority Visa service in Nigeria, the British High Commissioner Paul Arkwright

said: "I am pleased to see the Super Priority Visa service being launched in Nigeria. This comes with an additional cost but is designed to give greater flexibility to our customers and underlines our strong commitment to make improvements to the visa services we offer.

"We expect this new service to be particularly useful for business. We understand that business opportunities and urgent requirements can arise at very short notice. We recognise this and want to facilitate such travel to the UK with this new super-fast service."

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