EBRD Annual Meeting
13 – 15 May 2025
London – United Kingdom

Annual Meeting participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements.

You will first need to check if you are a visa national Immigration Rules - Immigration Rules Appendix Visitor: Visa national list - Guidance - GOV.UK.

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

Overview

Visa nationals	You need to apply for a visit visa.
Non-visa nationals	You need to apply for an ETA.

Visa nationals

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. Please ensure that you register early for the annual meeting to allow plenty time to make a visa application.

Those persons requiring visas should apply to the United Kingdom visa application centre in their country of residence or nearest designated centre. Find a visa application centre - GOV.UK

All applications must be accompanied by a confirmation of registration email from the EBRD, obtained once the individual registers.

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 confirmation of registration received by email). You will automatically receive the email once you have been registered for the Annual Meeting.
- 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)

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.

The GOV.UK website has advice on supporting documents to submit with the application:
https://visas-immigration.service.gov.uk/product/uk-visit-visa

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

Non-visa nationals

All non-visa nationals will require an Electronic travel Authorisation (ETA) to travel to or transit through the UK.

You DO NOT need an ETA if you have a visa, you are a British or Irish citizen.

Those persons requiring ETAs should apply online. Information on how to make an application is available:
Apply for an electronic travel authorisation (ETA) - GOV.UK

ETAs process takes typically up to three working days.

Travellers are advised to check carefully that all particulars on the visa or on the ETA, 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 identified.