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Alternatively, you can participate in the VFS Premium Application Centre (PAC) to provide biometric information and apply. If you decide to participate in the VFS PAC, you need to purchase the Premium service. Attending asc: You can attend an ASC meeting only at the scheduled date and time. If you arrive on another day or time, you will not be processed. Do not arrive more than 15 minutes before the scheduled date. When visiting asc for a biometric visit, you must take your current passport and a copy of the letter confirming the date that will be sent by VFS Global when booking the meeting. Mobile phones, cameras and other recording equipment are not allowed inside asc. Upon arrival at ASC, you should: wear face covering. Face shields will not be provided to applicants. Anyone who is not wearing a face shield will not be able to bring additional people or family members to the meeting. Only interpreters, lawyers or those providing the help you need will be able to accompany you in following the social guidance that you will follow upon arrival, for example, sitting and standing away from others, do not come to the meeting if you are sick or start to feel the symptoms of being sick. If you or someone with you seems sick during your visit, the ASC may require you to re-date your visit to check the operational status of our offices on the day of appointment of the process of applying for a visa for children under the age of 5 applying for a UK visa from in the United States to attend a meeting with an ASC or PAC. During the meeting they will have a photo taken, but they will not have to give fingerprints. Post your request After stamping the letter confirming the meeting at the ASC, you will have 5 days to publish this form, current passport, ups shipping label and any supporting documents (if you have not submitted them online) to: VFS Services USA Inc. UKVI Scanning Hub 145 West 45th St Floor 5 New York NY 10036 All applications must include a valid passport with at least one blank visa page on both sides. If the application is sent without a passport, the application will be rejected. Return Shipping To return your passport or other documents, you must provide a fully addressed UPS electronic shipping label because we cannot accept non-electronic shipping labels. You need your shipping label to be sucked in the package, and keep a copy of the shipping label for your records. If you are travelling to the UK, you should check what you need to do before travelling and any changes to the UK border. Read guidelines on immigration conditions if you have been affected by travel restrictions due to coronavirus. You can contact our international contact service provided by Sitel UK, which works with UKVI. Calls from outside the UK cost £1.37 per minute (plus local network charge) to call UKVI. Emails from outside the UK cost £5.48. This includes a preliminary email inquiry and any follow-up emails to and from the contact center regarding the same inquiry. Emails are sent via the online form on our website. Our English-language telephone line is open 24 hours a day from Monday to Friday, and other languages are available during hours that reflect standard working hours if possible. Sitel UK employees play no role or influence the outcome of visa applications. They can provide assistance in navigating ukvi tips online. They cannot provide immigration advice. File a complaint Letters or emails about decisions to refuse a UK visa will not be treated as a complaint. If you do not agree with the decision on the visa application, use the existing appeal channels. If you have a complaint about how your visa application is processed or how UKVI staff behave, you should review our complaints procedure. You can also email your complaint via our international contact service. As the global blockade of COVID-19 begins to ease around the world, UK visa application centres are beginning to reopen. Since the beginning of June, many resorts in Asia and Australia have reopened, and many others in Europe, Africa and Central Asia are expected to appear live from the week of June 29. As you might expect, the UK Government has no control over when UK visa application centres operated by outsourced suppliers VFS Global and TLSContact are reopened. This is due to the local measures in force in each city, region and country. Notable absences from any specific information on the planned reopening of visas are the two highest source countries for Tier 2 work visas, India and the USA. Citizen of India for about 50% of Tier 2 visas issued, with US citizens being the next largest group at around 8.5%. The increase in new daily cases continues in India, currently ranked third in the world in terms of new cases, with no signs of a upward curve for those flattening. Regardless, VFS announced today that several UK visa centres will be reopened. In the United States, while there were few positive signs of progress in the fight against the virus in early June, the number of new cases began to increase, with more than 40,000 new cases reported on June 24 and 25, the highest ever. California, Texas, Florida and Arizona are seeing significant spikes in new cases. Visa operations in the UK in the US use the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Applications Support Centers (ASC) to enable visa applicants to provide biometric data. ASC have been closed since March. In an interview with stakeholders last Thursday, USCIS indicated that the gradual reopening of the ASC would begin on July 13. However, following a statement issued last night by USCIS Deputy Director for Policy Joseph Edlow, USCIS may have to lay off the vast majority of its employees at ASC due to a huge drop in revenue for the service, which is funded by the app. Mr. Edlow said, Without congressional action before August 3, USCIS will have to furlough more than 13,000 employees, which will have a huge negative impact on our mission to administer our nation's legal immigration system. The key to any kind of US reopening is New York, the location of UK visas and the Scanning Hub immigration visas. Here all passports are sent after completing the biometric data and where the first entry visas are safely batched in the applicants' passports. Bill de Blasio, the city's mayor, has announced that he is ready to move to a Phase 3 lockdown easing from July 6, provided there is no new spike in cases, which bodes well for the visa scanning center to reopen its doors. There may be many bullets on the way to the UK visa reopening in the US. There is no easy work when physical presence in mortar centers is a central part of the application process. I have proposed developing a mobile solution similar to the EU Exit app (currently used by EU citizens) to provide mobile biometrics, but while this is undoubtedly being considered, it will take some time. In the meantime, the UK must consider radical alternatives to persuading people to provide biometric data abroad. This could, for example, allow Level 2 sponsors who are not visa-free citizens to approve their applications, travel to the UK and biometric data when they are in the UK. This can be extended to family apps, again by approving them and getting biometric data here. This may not solve the problem for Indian citizens who need travel visas, but would be the beginning. I thought I'd give an update, mostly so that others who might be facing similar problems can find it in a future Google search engine. I will add some information here, simply because it is something that would benefit me. Again, this applies to a person residing in the United States who needs/applies for a British visa. Here's what happened: As far as I can tell, the process from the US involves four different groups that work together. This is what I inferred and not necessarily accurate. Here are four players: 1. The UK government (visa services) is located in the UK. This is who actually reviews and grants visas. They are actually in the UK, so no review occurs in the US. You also don't have access to them by phone, email, or other means. They are, in fact, a black box from the applicant's perspective. 2. Sitel UK. They are a private company (again, I think) contracted by the UK government to handle customer inquiries. They are located in the UK and are available by email and phone - for a fee. See my comments on dealing with them below. 3. Vfs Global. It is an international company that cooperates with a titude of countries involved in issuing visas. They have a scanning center in New York. I believe they take in a visa and documents and scan it to the UK home office. They hold a passport and then apply for a visa (or not) and send it back to you. 4. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service. Yes, they are involved too. (One of the reasons why this is convoluted is that so many people are involved...) Here's how this process worked for us, good, bad and ugly (and there are a few of each). First, we made an online request and paid our fee. I believe that this proposal goes directly to the UK Government. GWF number issued. This is your official UK government-approved number. Having this makes me feel better because, despite the lack of clear communication elsewhere, I assume that paying money to the UK government and assigning a number means that someone quite an official is on the line to actually get things done. I had a question during the application process, so I went ahead and paid to get email support. Although this is supported through the UK Government's website, based on what I have read, I think the support is actually provided by a subcontractor - Sitel UK. It didn't go so well. Email responses were short-re-established and unhelpful. They warn you that they can't tell you information about a particular app. I understand that, but they were still very unhelpful. For example, my question was more general as to what kind of questions are expected from applicants. I sent an email with a follow-up question and this answer does not more helpful. I didn't want to deal with them again (but see below!) Then we had to go to the U.S. Government Immigration Center to (fingerprints, photos). We made an appointment via a visa website in the UK. We had no problems with the process or with USCIS. The meeting was very easy to do through the UK website and everything was easy peasy at the USCIS centre. Quick meeting, no problems. Of course, you need to actually get to the USCIS center. The closest to us was about an hour away from our house. I believe that biometric data also goes directly to the UK Government. OK, so far so good. But here's where things get a bit risky. The next step is to send your passport and supporting documents to the VFS Global Scanning Hub in New York. No documents are attached to the online application - you must send all these documents. I believe that VFS Global acts as a local service provider to the UK Government. They take your passport and documents, scan them to the UK, then apply the visa (or not) to your passport and return it to you. But there are a few things that cause stress here. 1. Their websites are... Not good. For example, everything in this process seems to suggest that the right way to get documents to the scan center is to purchase a courier service through the VFS Global website. Ok. So I'm going to pay for it. Then I get a lot of emails saying that the labels are attached. But that is not the case. I logged in to the website and pressed a button to outaged them. More emails without labels. I go back to the website and choose the option to download labels. Server error. And so it has been for several weeks. No improvement. As you can imagine, it's frustrating. 2. There is almost no way to really communicate with them effectively. They don't have a phone number. The emails appear to go to a service center in India. I'm not 100% sure of that, but that's what seems to be happening (again, based on some research and at the time of day when they react). As a result, if you have a problem, you tend to get broad, non-specific answers to your questions rather than help that actually addresses a specific problem. 3. Sometimes you will receive a reply to your email, sometimes you don't. You can send support emails and just go down into space. When I sent an email about a problem with shipping labels, I got an email back a day or later saying they would contact the appropriate team to fix the problem and come back to me. That was 2-3 weeks ago. No word. Fortunately, I found online that you can send documents to them via UPS on your own, as long as you include a return label. Check out this online, but I believe there must be "UPS" 2-day air in both directions. That's what I ended up doing, and (as I'll explain below), at least materials for them and processed. It is important to attach the return label directly to the packaging (which I asked directly from the UPS Store so that there are no mistakes about the amount, etc.). Still Still demanded a refund for the first courier service - the last thing I want to do at this point is confuse things. I'll take it later. The idea is that when you're going to travel, it's scary to send your passport to a remote place without great communication options. It's a lot of waiting and hoping it's all going to work out. Another mystery is the time of everything. The UK Visa website gives you the approximate processing time. They show that around 80% of visa decisions are taken within 2 days. After two weeks and not hearing a word from them, we were worried that the passport and materials were lost somewhere inside the VFS scanning center. I broke down and paid to talk to Sitel again, this time over the phone. A completely different experience than the email option. Gentlemen on the phone was kind and helpful. He was able to actually check my GWF number, which means that - third party provider or not - they have access to UK government information. He told me that our case had in fact been dealt with. About a day later, we received confirmation directly from the UK Government that the visa had been settled. This seems to be the standard procedure - the UK Government's email after the decision has been made. He also told us that we would receive our passport back from the service provider (probably VFS global) immediately. Here's the phrase they used: Your visa application in the UK was sent from the UK visa section. He then describes some details about how to get a passport or return it. Since we already had a shipping label, we just had to wait. Unlike other visas that we have secured, the UK does "not" say whether it was approved or rejected in this email. Do not read anything in the language. That was in the middle of last week. I didn't get a word or a peek at the sign from VFS Global or anyone else. I was hoping everything was fine. It's just very frustrating that there's no way to track or know what's going on. After a few days (maybe 4 or 5) I noticed that the UPS shipping label was used and I was able to follow this process. We just received our passport back today (along with our supporting documents) and received a visa. (Yay!) It will be almost a month's total time from biometrics to receiving a visa. As for the deadline, everything was completed within the promised time framework of the United Kingdom. Still, our business should be really, really easy. Nothing unusual, hard or sluffless about us at all. I'm guessing - and this is just a guess - that these processing times are for parts of the UK of this (i.e. not including the time VFS Global takes to scan the materials or return them). If this is true, do not assume that the average The number of times is actually how fast the process will be for you from start to finish. Agree. Although this was a opaque process with lots of moving parts, eventually everyone did their job as promised and we got a passport (with a visa) back in less than a month. Although it was the longest and most complex visa process I went through, in the end everyone did what they had to do and the process worked, despite a few faults along the way. My experience suggests that everything works as it should in the end, but don't expect it to be an easy or fast process.... I hope that this long position will help alleviate some of the stress and uncertainty for the future visa applicant. See you in London! London!

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