

UK Self-Sponsorship Visa Guide

What is Self-Sponsorship?

Self-Sponsorship allows you to set up or use your UK business to sponsor yourself for a Skilled Worker visa. No UK employer is needed.

Eligibility Checklist

- You must own or control a UK company
- The company must offer a genuine skilled job
- Meet salary threshold (£26,200 or £10.75/hour)
- English language level: CEFR B1 or IELTS 4.0
- Sufficient funds to run the business

Steps to Self-Sponsorship

1. Register your UK company
2. Apply for a Skilled Worker Sponsor Licence
3. Assign a Certificate of Sponsorship (CoS) to yourself
4. Apply for the Skilled Worker Visa
5. Move to the UK and run your business

Sponsor Licence Duties

- Appoint Key Personnel (Authorising Officer, Key Contact, Level 1 User)
- Maintain records & report changes
- Renew licence every 4 years
- Pay Immigration Skills Charge

Path to Settlement

After 5 years on the Skilled Worker visa, you may apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR). After 1 more year, apply for British Citizenship.

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How ZANS Group Helps You

- Business setup & compliance
- Sponsor licence application
- Skilled Worker visa guidance
- End-to-end immigration support