

Gibraltar Category 2 Regime 2026

Changes announced by HM Government of Gibraltar

For high net worth individuals and new applicants

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Does this affect you?

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You are an existing Category 2 holder

NOT affected — you are fully grandfathered. The revised fee and new net wealth minimum do not apply to you.

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You are a new applicant

The NEW criteria apply: a £5,000 application fee and minimum net wealth of £5 million are now required.

APPLICATION FEE

New application fee:

£5,000

Previously: £1,233

- Reflects Gibraltar's premium positioning and long-term economic priorities
- Driven by growing international interest following the UK-EU Treaty
- Applies to all new applicants going forward

MINIMUM NET WEALTH

New minimum for new applicants:

£5 million

Previously: £2 million



Existing holders fully grandfathered

The revised threshold does not apply to current Category 2 holders — no action required.



A targeted, measured change

Following consultation, the Government made targeted updates only, preserving the regime's integrity.

WHAT CATEGORY 2 DOES NOT INCLUDE

Not included

- X Entitlement to publicly funded schooling
- X Entitlement to publicly funded healthcare services
- X Right to remain in Gibraltar if Category 2 status lapses

Note: Category 2 status does not confer entitlement to public services. The new rules reaffirm that individuals who do not maintain their Category 2 status will have no right to continue to reside in Gibraltar - ensuring transparency for applicants and fairness for Gibraltar taxpayers.

At a glance

PREVIOUS RULES

Application Fee

£1,233

Min. Net Wealth

£2 million

NEW RULES

Application Fee

£5,000

Min. Net Wealth

£5 million

Existing holders are fully grandfathered — no changes apply to you

WHY NOW?

A new chapter for Gibraltar

1

Landmark UK-EU Treaty

The agreement links Gibraltar to the Schengen area, opening a new era of international connectivity and attractiveness.

2

Growing global interest

Strong interest in Category 2 status followed the Treaty - reflecting confidence in Gibraltar's future.

3

Premium positioning

The regime now ensures Gibraltar continues to attract high net worth individuals who make a meaningful economic contribution.

Need advice on your Category 2 situation?

Hassans advises on:

- Category 2 applications and eligibility
- Impact of the new fee and net wealth requirements
- Grandfathering and existing holder rights
- Residency implications of lapsing Category 2 status

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