

MEDIA INFORMATION

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Apply for your UK visa now at the new Premium Application Centre in Kano

Customers can now book appointments at <https://visa.vfsglobal.com/nga/en/gbr/> to visit Bristol Palace Hotel, 54-56 Guda Abdullahi Rd, Kano to submit their applications and enrol biometrics for the summer season.

To effectively cater to the growing outbound travel to the UK, VFS Global is proud to announce that residents of Nigeria, travelling to the UK can now book appointments to submit their visa applications at its newly opened Premium Application Centre in Kano. The new centre is in addition to the recently opened Premium Application Centres operating in Hotel Presidential in Port Harcourt and Omedel Luxury Hotel in Enugu, along with the state-of-the-art Visa Application Centres in Abuja, Ikeja (Lagos) and Victoria Island (Lagos) which is operational since November 2024.

The UK remains a popular destination for travellers across Africa, with Nigeria in the top four nationalities by volume for UK visit visas, accounting for 6% of the global total*.

Mrs. Gill Lever, Chargée d’Affaires, British High Commission Abuja said, *“I am pleased to confirm the further expansion of UK visa services across Nigeria, with the launch of VFS’s new Premium Application Centre in Kano. This joins VFS’s other recently opened centres in Enugu and Port Harcourt. Kano and the wider northern region are important to the UK–Nigeria partnership, and this new centre will help ensure that more people can access our world-class visa services closer to their homes.*

The three new centres (Enugu, Port Harcourt and Kano) are in addition to existing application centres in Abuja and Lagos (Ikeja and Victoria Island) and expand the options available to Nigerian travellers to the UK. We look forward to welcoming even more Nigerian visitors to the UK, whether for study, business, or tourism.”

Mr. Alok Singhal, Head-Sub-Saharan Africa, VFS Global, added, *“We are pleased to expand our network of conveniently located touchpoints for UK visa customers in Nigeria with the launch of the new Premium Application Centre in Kano. This is the third Premium Application Centre we have opened in Nigeria, in addition to the recently opened centres in Enugu and Port Harcourt, which allows us to cater to a growing number of travellers to the UK. Customers can expect the same comfort, convenience, and best-in-class services at these new locations as they do at our world-class Visa Application Centres in Abuja and Lagos.”*

Customers who submit their documents and enrol biometrics at the Premium Application Centres can now enjoy a number of complementary value-added services offered by VFS Global such as document upload assistance, notification services on the status of their applications and courier return of documents. Moreover, customers can book the Keep My Passport While Applying service in advance on our website which allows them to keep their passports once their application is submitted and biometrics have been enrolled. Customers will only need to re-submit their passports when a decision is reached.

As a partner to UK Visas and Immigration since 2003, VFS Global offered visa services in 58 countries before the new contract and was awarded the contract to provide UK visa services in 142 countries worldwide in 2023.

UK Premium Application Centres in Nigeria

Kano: Bristol Palace Hotel, 54-56 Guda Abdullahi Rd, Kano

Enugu: Ground floor, Omedel Luxury Hotel, Link Road, Enugu

Port Harcourt: Hall 1, First Floor, Hotel Presidential, Port Harcourt

Website: <https://visa.vfsglobal.com/nga/en/gbr/>

Timing: 8 AM to 5 PM (Tues to Fri)

About VFS Global

As the global leader in trusted technology services, empowering secure mobility for governments and citizens, VFS Global embraces technological innovation including Generative AI to support governments and diplomatic missions worldwide. The company manages non-judgmental and administrative tasks related to applications for visa, passport, and consular services for its client governments, increasing productivity and enabling them to focus entirely on the critical task of assessment.

With a responsible approach to technology development, adoption and integration, the company prioritizes ethical practices and sustainability while serving as the trusted partner to 69 client governments. Operating over 3,900 Application Centres in 165 countries, VFS Global has efficiently processed more than 473 million applications since 2001.

Headquartered in Zurich and Dubai and majority owned through investment funds managed by Blackstone Inc, along with minority stakeholders including Swiss-based Kuoni and Hugentobler Foundation.

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