

SWAP Britain

"The support and advice I received through the whole process was fabulous. SWAP made getting the visa easy and stress free and they were able to answer any random questions I had about living in Edinburgh right up to the end."

– Erika Magnuson-Ford – SWAP Britain



Helen, SWAP Britain Coordinator – Biometric Testing

"The new mandatory biometric testing can be challenging to maneuver so our participants appreciate the step by step instructions we give and they like that we go over their application so that if there are any mistakes, we catch them before they go to the British High Commission. We make this complicated process simple and we walk you through each step."



Christine Louise Estima found great value in the support and guidance offered by our partners.

"In the UK, Swap's partner organization is BUNAC and the people there have helped me out consistently and thoroughly for the past 2 years! I had some major problems with the first flat I moved into in London and I had to immediately move out. The BUNAC people not only directed me to the proper organizations and advice bureaus to make sure I got my deposit back, but they also talked me through the problem when I was upset! They really went above and beyond!

I'm so glad I did this program, it has altered my life for the better! Like St Augustine said, "The world is a book, and those who do not travel, read only a page."

AT A GLANCE

PACKAGE INCLUDES: VISA, ACCOMMODATION, SUPPORT, RESOURCE MATERIALS.

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ELIGIBILITY: Canadians aged 18–30. No student status required

REGISTRATION DEADLINES: Apply 8 weeks prior to departure

VISA DURATION: Any period up to 2 years

SUPPORT FUNDS: \$3,000 (equivalent to £1,600)

REGISTRATION FEE:

\$525 with accommodation (\$285 with two nights accommodation + \$240 = \$525);

\$455 without accommodation (\$215 without accommodation + \$240 = \$455)

NOTE: THE \$240 IS THE COST OF THE BRITISH WORKING HOLIDAY VISA THAT SWAP SECURES ON YOUR BEHALF. The cost of the British visa will vary slightly based on the strength of the Canadian Dollar against the British Pound.

AVERAGE # OF DAYS TO FIND WORK

Britain 7 - 10 days

AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE

Exchange Rate (as of Aug. 09) 1£ = \$1.85

	London	Outside London
Clerical	£8+	£6.50+
Restaurant	£5.73	£5.73
Bar	£5.73	£5.73
Career related	£10+	£8+
Hospitality	£5.73	£5.73
Museum	£8	£8

EXPENSES

Average night stay at a hostel	£17	£14
Transportation pass – weekly	£7	£3
Average weekly cost of shared accommodation	£95	£65 - 70
Do landlords require one month's rent in advance?	Yes	Yes
One weeks' worth of grocery food	£30	£30
Phone calls	£5	£5

COST OF LIVING

Can of Coca-Cola	£0.50	£0.50
Pint of beer	£3	£2.50
Cup of regular coffee	£1.75	£1.25
Loaf of bread	£1.00	£1.00
Tube of toothpaste	£1.50	£1.50
Regular movie ticket	£8.50	£6.00
Entry into a nightclub	£10	£5
Average pub dinner	£7.50	£6
One load of laundry	£3.50	£3.00