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Far East and Asia Hong Kong, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, India, or elsewhere in the Far East & Asia. Post your experiences and connect with others here. 7,543 116,147 British Expats > Living & Moving Abroad Moving back or to the UK > Thread Starter Joined: Oct 2024 Posts: 14 NHS number I'm a British citizen living outside UK & never lived in it. I got my citizen ship by descending from my mother if I come to UK to get birth to have the citizen ship for my baby, what are the requirements for obtaining my NHS number to go to my GP? & how long it takes? (I still don't have an address in UK but i think i will rent home when i come) SUPER MODERATOR Joined: Oct 2007 Posts: 35,020 From: In a darkened room somewhere............. Re: NHS number Quote: Originally Posted by nourhan mostafa if I come to UK to get birth to have the citizen ship for my baby, what are the requirements for obtaining my NHS number to go to my GP? & how long it takes? (I still don't have an address in UK but i think i will rent home when i come) Whereabouts are you moving to? The rental market in a lot of the UK is red hot, so you'll need a job first usually to be in with a chance. Make sure you bring references, and be prepared for a short term rental or hotel stay to start with until you can find something for longer term. You'll also need to have accommodation lined up for your husband's visa application too. As long as you're moving permanently (i.e. not just to have the baby) then you'll be covered by the NHS from arrival. Last edited by christmasoompa; Dec 29th 2024 at 4:14 am. Thread Starter Joined: Oct 2024 Posts: 14 Re: NHS number I'm not 100% sure but I think I'll move to London or Manchester what is the references i have to bring with me plz? and what are the documents that prove i will move permanently not just for having the baby? Last edited by nourhan mostafa; Dec 29th 2024 at 10:02 pm. Lost in BE Cyberspace Joined: May 2010 Posts: 10,080 From: San Diego, California Re: NHS number Quote: Originally Posted by nourhan mostafa I'm not 100% sure but I think I'll move to London or Manchester what is the references i have to bring with me plz? and what are the documents that prove i will move permanently not just for having the baby? If YOU are a Brit citizen, you don't need any references to move to the UK. You WILL need proof that you are living in the UK (tenancy agreement to prove permanent place of accommodation/paylips to prove job/bank accounts etc) and not just visiting for the birth in order to use the NHS number Quote: Originally Posted by nourhan mostafa I'm not 100% sure but I think I'll move to London or Manchester what is the references i have to bring with me plz? and what are the documents that prove i will move permanently not just for having the baby? 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BE Forum Addict Joined: Jan 2019 Posts: 1,179 Re: NHS number Here's a link to a website that might help clarify the situation Note this is for England. Might be different in other countries. You'll see it refers to being "ordinarily resident" in order touse NHS for free. There's no exact legal definition with regard to this because Parliament has never passed a law to state this. Instead there have been a series of court cases that have established Common Law precedents. On the gov.uk website there's a long explanation of how NHS trusts can decide if a person is "ordinarily resident". Thread Starter Joined: Oct 2024 Posts: 14 Re: NHS number if i probably will set with a friend can i register with GP with my friend address? 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BE Forum Addict Joined: Aug 2013 Posts: 4,728 From: Eee Bah Gum Re: NHS number Quote: Originally Posted by nourhan mostafa your son was living outside of UK? We were all living in the USA from 1987 until my wife and I returned in 2016. Our son moved back 18 months later and then our daughter moved back in 2021. SUPER have proof of that - car insurance with the address on, bank statements, bills, your name on the council tax bill etc? So even if you're not paying her rent you'll still have evidence, make sure you take that in addition to a letter from her. And if you're not paying her rent you'll still have evidence, make sure you take that in addition to a letter from her. And if you're not paying her rent you'll still have evidence, make sure you take that in addition to a letter from her. And if you're not paying her rent you'll still have evidence, make sure you take that in addition to a letter from her. 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Thanks Last edited by Paul51; Sep 13th 2024 at 10:50 pm. Joined: Sep 2023 Posts: 10 Re: Qiddiya, Riyadh PIF Company (offer) Hey! feel free to PM me i can help SUPER MODERATOR Joined: Oct 2007 Posts: 35,020 From: In a darkened room . Re: Qiddiya, Riyadh PIF Company (offer) Quote: Originally Posted by FarmACY400 Hey! feel free to PM me i can help The OP can't PM you yet as they're too new to the forum, so that others can benefit from it too. Thx. Joined: Sep 2023 Posts: 10 Re: Qiddiya, Riyadh PIF Company (offer) Hey! Its one of the better projects in Saudi atm. Not a lot of hiring and firing like some other projects. Traffic is terrible in Riyadh so be prepared to be possibly be an hour away from the office back and forth. Times differ according to company, direct hires (those that joined Qiddiya directly) work slight different hours but its all good and one team. Pay wise, unless you are with a local company, pay is on time and usually correct. There is some scope to do some flexible work BUT this depends on the team you are in and who your manager is, usually people are ok with it if reasonable. Compounds are expensive, there isnt any compounds near the project but it is best to visit each compound to get a feel of it, some feel like all inclusive holidays whilst others feel like a posh jail Hope this helps and welcome! Thread Starter Joined: Sep 2024 Posts: 3 Re: Qiddiya, Riyadh PIF Company (offer) Hi all, greatly appreciate all the information and positive response. If accepted I will be located in their main offices not on site so the compound I choose will be key to prevent a long journey in the mornings and evenings while getting there. I heard 15km on a map can take nearly 1 hour every morning traffic... can't message people privately but feel free to message me if you can - thanks Joined: Sep 2023 Posts: 10 Re: Qiddiya, Riyadh PIF Company (offer) Ahh where abouts will you be have they said which part? I can check and give you info on housing near by. Thread Starter Joined: Sep 2024 Posts: 3 Re: Qiddiya, Riyadh PIF Company (offer) Hey I'll be based in the digital city so their main office, not on their construction site. Trying to find a decent compound within a reasonable distance and not having to do an hour commute in traffic.. all ideas welcome thanks Joined: May 2023 Posts: 16 Re: Qiddiya, Riyadh PIF Company (offer) Would you be willing to share the level you've been offered and the salary range? Joined: Aug 2023 Posts: 16 Re: Qiddiya, Riyadh PIF Company (offer) HI all, I have been offered a role with Qiddiya after months of back and forth. Job grade is "associate director". I think its more like a "Senior Manager" role at other PIF projects like NEOM? Can someone DM me expected pay ranges. I am a little under paid where I am, so I was wondering what the expected range is. 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Joined: Jul 2025 Posts: 7 Re: Qiddiya, Riyadh PIF Company (offer) Quote: Originally Posted by NHNH2016 im in the recruitment process to join Qiddiya. 1st interview with hiring manager went to hold a second interview and at present all i know right now is that the second interview would be for a director position based on site. congrats on interview and best of luck do you mind if ask you the following? - did you apply directly on their careers page or were you headhunted by a recruiter? - what field are you in? Forum Regular Joined: Jun 2023 Posts: 144 Re: Qiddiya, Riyadh PIF Company (offer) Quote: Originally Posted by dp442 HI all, I have been offered a role with Qiddiya after months of back and forth. Job grade is "associate director". I think its more like a "Senior Manager" role at other PIF projects like NEOM? Can someone DM me expected pay ranges. I am a little under paid where I am, so I was wondering what the expected range is. Thanks ADs should be getting a package of about 70k+ I'd imagine based on what I know from other pif companies in Riyadh. Forum Regular Joined: Sep 2016 Posts: 105 Re: Qiddiya, Riyadh PIF Company (offer) What package would you think directors would be getting? Page 2 Just Joined: Joined: Sep 2016 Posts: 105 Re: Qiddiya, Riyadh PIF Company (offer) What package would you think directors would be getting? Page 2 Just Joined: Sep 2016 Posts: 105 Re: Qiddiya, Riyadh PIF Company (offer) What package would you think directors would be getting? Page 2 Just Joined: Sep 2016 Posts: 105 Re: Qiddiya, Riyadh PIF Company (offer) What package would you think directors would be getting? Oct 2022 Posts: 25 Re: Qiddiya, Riyadh PIF Company (offer) Hi everyone, I've been offered a position as Associate Director at Qiddiya Investment Company and I'm trying to understand how the internal grading structure works. Would anyone know: How the Associate Director role is graded at Qiddiya? How it compares to equivalent levels (e.g. Director, Senior Manager) at other major PIF subsidiaries like NEOM? I'd appreciate any insight on reporting lines, typical pay bands, and how this role aligns across PIF-affiliated entities—to ensure I'm evaluating the offer fairly. Thank you in advance! Forum Regular Joined: Jun 2023 Posts: 144 Re: Qiddiya, Riyadh PIF Company (offer) Quote: Originally Posted by wanderingexpat Hi everyone, I've been offered a position as Associate Director, Senior Manager) at Qiddiya? How it compares to equivalent levels (e.g. Director, Senior Manager) at other major PIF subsidiaries like NEOM? I'd appreciate any insight on reporting lines, typical pay bands, and how this role aligns across PIF-affiliated entities—to ensure I'm evaluating the offer fairly. Thank you in advance! Qiddiya isn't a remote site like neom, so don't expect similar levels of renumeration. More equivalent projects to compare the grading to would be other Riyadh giga projects like Diriyah or new Murabba. Thread Starter Just Joined: Oct 2022 Posts: 25 Qiddiya (QIC) Benefits Hi everyone, I hope you're all well. I've recently been offered a role at Qiddiya Investment Company and was hoping to get some insights from anyone currently working there or with recent experience. Could anyone kindly share what the typical employee benefits are? I'm particularly interested in details around: Annual leave and public holidays Remote or hybrid working arrangements School fees allowance for dependents Transport or housing allowance Annual or local flights/travel allowance Any information or advice would be greatly appreciated as I consider the offer. Thank you in advance! Joined: Jul 2025 Posts: 7 Re: Qiddiya (QIC) Benefits Husband's offer contained: 25 days of annual leave (as this is an entertainment park I guess public holidays are non-existent but we will see) i dont assume remote work is an option - at least not for him as he is in operations schooling allowance is built in to his monthly salary - once they have provided a break down of salary for us but it really does not matter as if you rent for 8K/month you are lucky, but you might as well rent in antara for 20+K/month and that will go from the same pocket of yours. 2 annual flight tickets to the country of origin for the employee + his dependents. paid in "cash" 50% of it in July, the other half in december. hope it helps. Thread Starter Just Joined: Oct 2022 Posts: 25 Re: Qiddiya (QIC) Benefits Quote: Originally Posted by sonia\_cs Husband's offer contained:25 days of annual leave (as this is an entertainment park I guess public holidays are non-existent but we will see) i dont assume remote work is an option - at least not for him as he is in operations schooling allowance is 40K/ kid/year - this is up to 3 kids Transportation and housing allowance is built in to his monthly salary - once they have provided a break down of salary for us but it really does not matter as if you rent for 8K/month you are lucky, but you might as well rent in antara for 20+K/month and that will go from the same pocket of yours. 2 annual flight tickets to the country of origin for the employee + his dependents. paid in "cash" 50% of it in July, the other half in december. hope it helps. Thank you Immigration, citizenship (Canada) Canadian immigration, citizenship (Canada) Canadian immigration, citizenship and GB passport topics related to British expats returning home with their families. (Please note: this section is NOT for the discussion of work related visas, nor for foreign nationals seeking to migrate to the UK.) 8,990 89,505 British Expats > Living & Moving Abroad Europe > Thread - for all questions about living at NEOM Hi all, It's been a couple of months since anyone has given any update on what's happening at NEOM. can anyone advise? Anyone know more information on accommodation? I'm heading out there in a few months and NC1 I am told is full but expanding. And NC2 looks like student accommodation back in my uni days. Can anyone advise or send pictures? Ideally I think NC1 is the place to be at? Last edited by Farhan28; Dec 7th 2021 at 8:41 am. Just Joined I have been told by the onboarding phase and I have been told by the onboarding team, that I will be based at the NC2 campaint of the NC2 campaint intially when I arrive in April and they will start looking for a spot in NC1 closer to when my family arrive in August. This is for both 1 bed or family 2 bed units. Unfortunately, we are not getting any certainty about the accommodation, from the various teams (school, community management, onboarding, etc) that we have spoken to. This is the main sticking point for us and we are still undecided about this whole thing because of this. Just not sure how one can pack up family and kids without any certainty about the type of accommodation? I can't imagine a family of 4 staying comfortably in a one bed unit for an extended period. Defintiely NC1 is the place to be, but I was told that even some very senior personnel are currently staying at NC2 due to the lack of accomodation at NC1. Would love to hear from others... Cheers. Last edited by mm23; Dec 7th 2021 at 5:19 pm. Thread Starter Just Joined Joined: Dec 2021 Posts: 20 re: NEOM Community Thread - for all questions about living at NEOM Quote: Originally Posted by mahesh123 Hi Farhan, I am currently in the onboarding phase and I have been told by the onboarding team, that I will be based at the NC2 camp intially when I arrive in August. This is for both 1 bed or family 2 bed units. Unfortunately, we are not getting any certainty about the accomodation, from the various teams (school, community management, onboarding, etc) that we have spoken to. This is the main sticking point for us and we are still undecided about this whole thing because of this. Just not sure how one can pack up family and kids without any certainty about the type of accomodation? I can't imagine a family of 4 staying comfortably in a one bed unit for an extended period. Defintiely NC1 is the place to be, but I was told that even some very senior personnel are currently staying at NC2 due to the lack of accommodation at NC1. Would love to hear from others... Cheers. Hi mahesh thanks for your reply. Yes exactly! Me too. I am very much in two minds now over the whole accommodation thing, and you can imagine the Mrs being even more worried. I Hve requested and got many pictures from HR and recruitment team but it just doesn't seem to be nice at all. I Don't think I'm expecting much? Wondering if anyone knows more about it who's already at NC2? When did you get your offer letter or clear the background checks? I am just at that stage now, so wondering how long it took you as you said you're going in April? Thanks Just Joined Joined: Nov 2021 Posts: 25 re: NEOM Community Thread - for all questions about living at NEOM My background check has just been completed today and onboarding have asked me to resign. But I can't do that till I get some certainty regarding accommodation. You won't get put in the NC1 housing queue till you enroll kids in school and the enrolment don't open till January. It feels like the left hand doesn't talk to the right hand. The onboarding rep told me that the NC2 rooms are definitely not suitable for two people, let alone a family of 4 plus a dog in my case. He mentioned that people have been optimistic in the past, thinking that they could manage, but end up sending their family back because life as a non-single person is hard or near impossible at NC2. You have to take this seriously if that's coming straight from Neom's representative. The project, role and package are all great and comparable to the likes of Aramco. I just wish they had sorted out the housing before they ask people to mobilise. Last edited by mm23; Dec 7th 2021 at 9:02 pm. 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The project, role and package are all great and comparable to the likes of Aramco. I just wish they had sorted out the housing before they ask people to mobilise. Yes I definitely agree with you. It just seems strange however it must obviously means that they are pumping money into to it to get people over there, and if they don't sort out the accommodation people will leave I guess. I have messaged a few people on Instagram who I know are living there. Most in NC2 are not happy with the given to people who have spent longest at NC2 (family first). So yes I am also in two minds, part of me wants to leave. Part of me thinks there is no kitchen area or even a sitting area in NC2. It's just like a hotel room How long did your background check take? Are they putting you on a business visa initially? Just Joined Joined: Nov 2021 Posts: 25 re: NEOM Community Thread - for all questions about NC2. The 1.5 hour commute on top of the really long days will really hit me hard. The background check took almost 3 weeks. They apply for a work visa that will include your family. I have a three month notice period in my current job, so they will apply for a work visa. Overall it has been very excited if not for the accommodation situation. Thread Starter Just Joined Joined: Dec 2021 Posts: 20 re: NEOM Community Thread - for all questions about living at NEOM Quote: Originally Posted by mahesh123 I have heard the same about NC2. The 1.5 hour commute on top of the really long days will really hit me hard. The background check took almost 3 weeks. They apply for business visa if you are expected to join asap, but if you have some time to go they apply for a work visa that will include your family. I have a three month notice period in my current job, so they will apply for a work visa. Overall it has been very excited if not for the accommodation situation. Wow 1.5 hours?? I didn't know about this. Again this is information neom team haven't told me Are you direct with neom? Just Joined Joined: Nov 2021 Posts: 25 re: NEOM Community Thread - for all questions about living at NEOM Yes, I'm a direct hire. What about you? NC2 is about 40-45 minutes each way, from NC1 I believe. Thread Starter Just Joined: Dec 2021 Posts: 20 re: NEOM Community Thread - for all guestions about living at NEOM Quote: Originally Posted by mahesh123 Yes, I'm a direct hire. What about you? NC2 is about 40-45 minutes each way, from NC1 I believe. I have PMd you Joined: Feb 2010 Posts: 2,863 From: Buraydah, Saudi Arabia re: NEOM Community Thread - for all guestions about living at NEOM on the same of the s New remote work locations. Buyer beware and due diligence..... Forum Regular Joined: Apr 2012 Posts: 186 From: London re: NEOM Community Thread - for all questions about 40-45 minutes each way, from NC1 I believe. Nah, no more than 30 minutes. Just Joined Joined: Nov 2021 Posts: 25 re: NEOM Community Thread - for all questions about living at NEOM Quote: Originally Posted by Trailing\_Hubby . Are you at Neom currently? What has been you experience so far? Forum Regular Joined: Apr 2012 Posts: 186 From: London re: NEOM Community Thread - for all questions about living at NEOM Quote: Originally Joined: Nov 2021 Posts: 25 re: NEOM Community Thread - for all questions about living at NEOM Quote: Originally Posted by Trailing Hubby Good. We are in NC1. It's getting bigger all the time. Now the school is open there are loads of kids and it's expanding significantly. that's great! Did you stay at NC2 initially before moving to NC1? I heard that the 2 bed family units are not getting delivered on time. Is that true? Forum Regular Joined: Apr 2012 Posts: 186 From: London re: NEOM Community Thread - for all questions about living at NEOM No, straight into NC1. Don't know what timeline you heard on the 2 beds. A load opened up a couple of months ago when the school started, and there are some coming online this month and in the New Year. Last edited by Trailing Hubby; Dec 8th 2021 at 6:03 pm. Page 2 Just Joined Joined: Nov 2021 Posts: 25 re: NEOM Community Thread - for all questions about living at NEOM Ouote: Originally Posted by Trailing Hubby No. straight into NC2. Don't know what timeline you heard on the 2 beds. A load opened up a couple of months ago when the school started, and there are some coming online this month and in the New Year. I heard that the 2 bed units are allocated as they come available to people in the waiting list. But no one seem to be able to give me a straight answer as to how long this waiting list is. I have asked the question again this morning to another person. Let's see what comes. I would love to know about pet transportation too as we have a little dog. The usual pet transport companies out of Australia dont seem to cover KSA... Forum Regular Joined: Apr 2012 Posts: 186 From: London re: NEOM Community Thread - for all questions about living at NEOM I don't have a pet but I'm in the WhatsApp group. They recommend expatlogistics.com who work within ME and partner with petrelocation.com Joined: Dec 2021 Posts: 13 re: NEOM Community Thread - for all questions about living at NEOM Sliding in here as I've recently accepted a direct-hire offer, and as I'm single I'll be in NC2 as well. From the information and social media, I have a good idea of what to expect. Expectations are well truly managed that it could take a year or more, to get something larger and nicer either newly built, in NC2 or NC1. Questions about living at NEOM Quote: Dec 2021 Posts: 20 re: NEOM Community Thread - for all questions about living at NEOM Quote: Originally Posted by Codger81 Sliding in here as I've recently accepted a direct-hire offer, and as I'm single I'll be in NC2 as well. 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BE Enthusiast Joined: Jun 2012 Posts: 330 re: NEOM Community Thread - for all questions about living at NEOM Quote: Originally Posted by mahesh123 that's great! Did you stay at NC2 initially before moving to NC1? I heard that the 2 bed family units are not getting delivered on time. Is that true? I moved into a two-bed in Sept 2021. I can see a whole bunch of brand new two beds and what seem like hundreds of one-beds from my window. The construction goes on all day and until very late at night. Some 2beds and 1beds will be ready in a couple weeks. More will be ready in the coming months. Staggered delivery dates. Last edited by Saff Parker; Dec 12th 2021 at 6:26 am. BE Enthusiast Joined: Jun 2012 Posts: 330 re: NEOM Community Thread - for all questions about living at NEOM Quote: Originally Posted by Codger81 Sliding in here as I've recently accepted a direct-hire offer, and as I'm single I'll be in NC2 as well. 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If nature isn't your thing you can drive out to Tabuk (2hrs from Neom) which is a very small city with I think two malls, both of which are small and only have a handful of stores that you'd have in the UK or US. You can see the store listings on the mall websites. Nothing special though and it's quite a trek just to see a mall. There are a couple of smaller towns closer by but there is really nothing special though and it's quite a trek just to see a mall. camp depend on whether you have children or not. If you have very young children then hiking would be tough and so would a 2 hour drive to Tabuk (and another 2 hours back). The beach is good though. In NC1 many of the singles or childless couples seem to fly off for long weekends or drive to Aqaba in Jordan which is very accessible. The families have less flexibility but have fun and there is generally a nice social atmosphere. Last edited by Saff Parker; Dec 12th 2021 at 7:14 am. 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Joined: Dec 2021 Posts: 13 re: NEOM Community Thread - for all questions about living at NEOM Another general question: is there a scuba club? I'm bringing some gear with me, and looking for somewhere to snag weights, tanks, and refills. I've found one shop in Tabuk with a few branches in Haql, Duba, and Alwajh.

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