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Belgium - Increase of Immigration Office Administrative Fee

The Belgian Immigration Office requests the payment of an administrative fee to cover the cost of processing a visa D application or a residence application. The Immigration Office has raised this fee as from 1 June 2021 to EUR 209, and EUR 366, depending on the type of application.¹

WHY THIS MATTERS

The proof of payment of the administrative fee is generally required, only once, when applying for a Belgian visa D or a Belgian long-term residence permit.

Companies employing non-European Economic Area (EEA) nationals in Belgium for a duration of longer than 90 days are legally required to obtain a Single Permit, including a visa type D, for their employees prior to the start of the employment in Belgium. The administrative fee is a cost companies incur in this respect.

Amount of Administrative Fee

Since 2 March 2015, the Belgian Immigration Office requires the payment of an administrative fee to cover the costs of processing a visa D application or a residence permit application.² This fee is payable per person and per application and is payable in addition to the fee that is paid to the consular authorities when submitting a visa D application.

For applications filed as from 1 June 2021, the following amounts are due:

- EUR 366 when, for instance, applying to reside more than three months in Belgium to carry out professional activities;

- EUR 209 when, for instance, applying for residence as a family member of a foreign national who is authorised to reside in Belgium for an unlimited or limited period;
- EUR 63 when, for instance, applying to reside more than three months in Belgium after obtaining long-term resident status in another EU member state. This fee has not been increased and remains the same.

The following applicants are not required to pay this fee:

- Applications from those under 18 years old;
- Citizens of the European Union and their family members;
- Turkish citizens coming to work in Belgium and their family members;
- Others, as specified.

KPMG NOTE

The Belgian Immigration Office will not accept visa D applications or long-term residence applications if the fee has not been paid by the applicant.

Any questions or concerns regarding third-country nationals wanting to work and live or currently working and living in Belgium should be directed to your qualified professional services contact or a member of the team (see Contact Us section) with the KPMG International member firm in Belgium.

FOOTNOTES:

1 Belgian Immigration Office, "Administrative fee" (in Dutch) at: <https://dofi.ibz.be/nl/themas/faq/lang-verblijf/bijdrage>.

2 For prior coverage, see *Flash International Executive Alert* 2015-039, March 17, 2015 (as *GMS Flash Alert* was previously known). Click [here](#).

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