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Belgium – Flanders, Brussels, Wallonia: 2024 Minimum Salary Criteria

The Flemish, Walloon, and Brussels Regions have communicated the new minimum salary requirements for individuals working in that region, applicable as from 1 January 2024. In order to obtain the appropriate permit allowing employment of non-European Economic Area (EEA) nationals in Belgium, minimum salary requirements must be met.

WHY THIS MATTERS

In order to obtain the appropriate permit allowing employment of non-European Economic Area (EEA) nationals in Belgium, the respective minimum salary requirements must be met.

Employers need to monitor whether salary requirements are met and need to budget for increases in order to help ensure the continued legal employment in Belgium of their workforce.

Non-compliance with these minimum salary requirements may lead to a finding by the authorities of illegal employment by the employer and consequently can lead to the imposition of administrative and/or penal sanctions on the employer!:

- Employing a non-EEA national without a legal right to work in Belgium can result in a penalty between EUR 400.00 and EUR 8,000.00 per infraction.
- Employing a non-EEA national without a legal right to work nor a legal right to reside in Belgium can result in a penalty between EUR 2,400.00 and EUR 48,000.00 per infraction. In addition to the fines, in theory, a sentence of imprisonment of six (6) months to three (3) years may be imposed.

New Minimum Salary Thresholds

The Flemish, Walloon, and Brussels authorities have communicated the increased amounts for 2024.

Amounts for 2024	Brussels Region ²	Flemish Region ³	Walloon Region ⁴
Highly-skilled employees	EUR 50,310	EUR 46,632*	EUR 50,310
Management personnel	EUR 83,936	EUR 74,611	EUR 83,936
Intra-corporate Transferee (specialist)	EUR 52,042	EUR 46,632	EUR 52,042
Intra-corporate Transferee (trainee)	EUR 32,526	EUR 46,632	EUR 32,327
Intra-corporate Transferee (Management)	EUR 65,053	EUR 74,611	EUR 65,053
EU Blue Card	EUR 65,053	EUR 55,958	EUR 65,053
Trainee	Min. salary (sector)	Sufficient means of existence	Min. salary (sector)
Medium-skilled employees in bottleneck professions	N/A	Min. salary (sector)	N/A

Source: KPMG in Belgium

* For employees with a local Belgian contract working in the Flemish Region and under 30 years of age, the amount is EUR 37,305.60. The higher amount needs to be met as soon as the employee turns 30.

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Prior to employing non-EEA nationals in Belgium, companies must obtain a Belgian work permit, or a Single Permit for these employees. The conditions to obtain such a permit are very strict. Except for specific categories of employees above, a labour market investigation is required. Such investigations can be time consuming and can lead to a refusal to grant the permit by Belgium's immigration authorities.

It may be advisable to consult with your usual qualified immigration counsel or a member of the Immigration team with KPMG in Belgium (see the Contacts section).

FOOTNOTES:

1 Article 175 of the Belgian Social Penal Code, "Sociaal Strafwetboek/ Code pénal social": https://www.ejustice.just.fgov.be/cgi_loi/change_lg.pl?language=nl&la=N&cn=2010060607&table_name=wet .

Service public fédéral Emploi, Travail et Concertation sociale (Federal Public Service Employment, Labour and Social Dialogue, Belgian Immigration Office), "Poursuites pénales" at: <https://emploi.belgique.be/fr/propos-du-spf/infractions/cheminement-dun-proces-verbal/poursuites-penales> .

2 Minimum salary thresholds for the Brussels Region: dedicated Single Permit page (in English, but also in Dutch and French versions) of the [official website](#) of the Brussels Region.

3 Minimum salary thresholds for the Flemish Region: dedicated Single Permit page (in Dutch) of the [official website](#) of the Flemish Region.

4 Minimum salary thresholds for the Walloon Region: dedicated Single Permit page (in French) of the [official website](#) of the Walloon Region.

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