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European Union – New Schengen Visa Fees

Starting 11 June 2024, the cost for the short-term Schengen visa (visa type C) went up. Applications for adults are now set at EUR 90 (previously EUR 80) and for children between the ages of 6 and 12, applications carry a fee of EUR 45 (previously EUR 40).¹

Visa fee-exempt categories remain exempt from having to pay any fees.

Short-term Schengen visas are typically for stays in the Schengen area for up to 90 days within a period of 180 days and the visa is required for nationals in several non-EU countries.²

WHY THIS MATTERS

The higher cost will impact the costs associated with international assignments/secondments and business travel. Employers should consider the impact on international assignment costs and budgeting, and plan accordingly.

The European Commission has revised the visa fees only.³ The conditions to obtain a short-term-stay Schengen visa remain unchanged.

Context

The Schengen area comprises 29 countries: Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland.⁵

Schengen visas allow holders to travel freely in the Schengen area for short stays of a maximum of 90 days within a 180-day period. Although the Schengen visa grants entry to the Schengen area, it does not grant a right to work.

More Highlights

In addition to the increase of visa fees for the short-term Schengen visa, nationals of countries that have not cooperated on readmission of their nationals irregularly staying in the EU will be paying a visa fee of EUR 135 or EUR 180.⁶

Applicants in countries that have a visa facilitation agreement with the EU in place will remain unaffected by the new Schengen visa fee changes and visa-exempt categories will remain exempt from having to pay any fees.

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In 2023, EU countries and Schengen associated countries received more than 10.3 million applications for short-stay visas (increase of 37 percent compared to 2022) and the top two countries applying for this visa are the People's Republic of China and Turkey with over 1 million applications from each.⁶

The EU Commission states that the increase of visa fees is caused by inflation rate movements and increases in the salaries of civil servants.⁷ However, according to some media outlets, discontent with the increase of visa fees has been noted especially among Turkish citizens,⁸ organisations facilitating cultural and trade exchanges,⁹ and organisations facilitating transport, pointing out that higher visa fees may deter visitors which would shrink the volume of travellers.¹⁰

Employers, cross-border workers, and travellers with questions about the fee increase and its implications, should consider reaching out to their usual immigration counsel or a member of the [KPMG immigration team](#).

FOOTNOTES:

1 European Commission: "[Visa fees – revised amounts \(amendment to the Visa Code\)](#)," 2024; Government of the Republic of Slovenia (first publication) (in English): "[Increase of Schengen visa fees](#)," 20 May 2024.

2 European Commission: "[EU list of countries whose citizens are required to hold a visa](#)," 2024.

3 *Official Journal of the European Union*: "[Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2024/1415 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 810/2009 as regards the amount of the visa fees](#)," 14 March 2024.

4 European Commission: "[Schengen Area](#)," 12 June 2024.

5 *Official Journal of the European Union*: "[Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2024/1415 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 810/2009 as regards the amount of the visa fees](#)," 14 March 2024.

6 European Commission: "[Visa applications reach 10.3 million in EU- and Schengen Associated Countries](#)," 15 May 2024.

7 European Commission: "[Visa fees – revised amounts \(amendment to the Visa Code\)](#)," 2024.

8 P. Talukdar, "[Increase in Schengen Visa fees for adults and children to take effect starting today](#)," published in *Business Today* (online) 11 June 2024. *Please note that by clicking on this link you are leaving the KPMG website for an external site (non-KPMG, non-governmental) that KPMG is not affiliated with nor does KPMG endorse its content. The use of the external site and its content may be subject to the terms of use and/or privacy policies of its owner or operator.*

9 S. Januzi, "[EU to Increase Schengen Visa Fees by 12% From June 11](#)," published in *Schengen.news* (online), 20 May 2024. *Please note that by clicking on this link you are leaving the KPMG website for an external site (non-KPMG, non-governmental) that KPMG is not affiliated with nor does KPMG endorse its content. The use of the external site and its content may be subject to the terms of use and/or privacy policies of its owner or operator.*

10 Ibid.

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