



Ad-Hoc Query on payment for introducing a residence permit procedure.

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Responses from Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Sweden, (8 in Total)

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1. Background Information

Belgium has since recently a new government and a government agreement dated from 9 October 2014. This new agreement foresees that **payment will be claimed for all applications for a residence permit submitted to the Immigration Office** (except for asylum applications, applications for subsidiary protection and requests for regularization based on medical grounds). This is now **debated in Parliament**. In this context, Belgian authorities urgently need an objective and reliable insight into some other Member States' policies and practices in this field.

Concretely, Belgian authorities would be very grateful to know the following:

1. Is a payment claimed for introducing a procedure aimed at obtaining a residence permit in your country?

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- When the application is introduced on the territory of your Member State
- When the application is introduced in the country of origin of the applicant

Please note that Belgian authorities are interested in **any payment claimed for/at the moment of filing the application, specifying (i) what the payment is for, (ii) whether or not the payment is subject to reimbursement (in case of negative decision on the application), (iii) to repayment (in case of renewed application) and different/prior to other costs (e.g. issuance costs).**

2. If a payment is claimed, what is the amount requested?

- When the application is introduced on the territory of your Member State
- When the application is introduced in the country of origin of the applicant


If possible please **detail what the amount is made of** (introduction of application, handling of application, issuance of document, etc.) and differentiate **where and when (once or at different stages) costs are claimed.**

3. Is there a separate regime for Turkish nationals?

Please note that Belgian authorities are interested in the following types of applications:


- Student visa
- Student residence application in the Member State
- Family reunification visa
- Family reunification application in the Member State
- Humanitarian/Medical residence application in the Member State
- Visa application based on a work permit or a professional card
- Application for a residence permit based on a work permit or a professional card in the member State

2. Responses

		Wider Dissemination?	
	Austria	Yes	<p><u>The following fees are involved in the issuance of a residence title:</u></p> <p>Temporary residence titles: For adults, 80 € when applying for the title, further 20 € when being issued the titled. For minors, 50 € when applying, further 50 € when being issued, plus 20 € personalisation costs for taking the photograph and signature. Personalization costs are due for minors and adults.</p>


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			<p>Permanent residence titles: For adults, 80 € when applying for the title, further 70 € when being issued the titled. For minors, 50 € when applying, further 100 € when being issued, plus 20 € personalisation costs for taking the photograph and signature. Personalization costs are due for minors and adults.</p> <p>Reimbursement is not provided. However, in case of a negative decision, the costs for the issuance of the title do not accrue.</p> <p>The fees apply for the initial application as well as for the prolongation procedures, both in the case of an application in Austria or abroad.</p> <p>There are no special rules provided for Turkish nationals.</p>
	<p>Belgium</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>1. Payment is claimed for introducing a procedure aimed at <u>obtaining a visa from a diplomatic post abroad</u>. The fee is to be paid <u>at the time of the application</u>.</p> <p>Payment is to date not claimed for introducing a procedure aimed at <u>obtaining a residence permit in Belgium</u>. However payment is claimed <u>at the time of issuing</u> a residence permit in the municipality.</p> <p>2. <u>When applying for a visa abroad</u>, the applicant must pay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 60 EUR for visas A & C - 35 EUR for visas A & C if applicant is a child (6-12 years old – free for children below 6 years old)) - 180 EUR for visa D <p>There are exemptions (free) and exceptions (discount), for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For visas C: family members of EU citizen, students, facilitation agreements... - For visas D: nationals from Israel, San Marino, Japan, Morocco, Turkey, fellowship students... <p>Visa handling fees are non-refundable (when a negative decision is taken, when the application/travel is cancelled). When the application is introduced via outsourcing, the applicant pays a service fee (around 20-25 EUR) in addition to the handling fee.</p> <p>When being issued a residence permit in the municipality, an applicant must pay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 15, 20 EUR for manufacturing costs - Administrative costs which vary from one municipality to the other.

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			3. See information in response to question 1.
	Finland	Yes	<p>1. Is a payment claimed for introducing a procedure aimed at obtaining a residence permit in your country:</p> <p>Yes: a fee is charged for processing a residence permit application.</p> <p>The processing fee is the same regardless of where the application is made (in Finland/in the country of origin).</p> <p>According to the Finnish Aliens Act, Section 60, a first residence permit shall be applied for in the country where the applicant resides legally, before entering Finland. The application is filed with a Finnish mission abroad. Thus, in principle first applications for a residence permit are made abroad. However, in certain situations even a first residence permit may be applied for in Finland, in which case the application is filed with the District Police. A renewal/extension of a residence permit is applied for in Finland. The application is filed with the District Police.</p> <p>It is also possible to apply for certain residence permits electronically: residence permit for employment and for study.</p> <p>(i) The fee covers the processing of the application. (ii) The fee is not reimbursed in case of a negative decision. (iii) In case of a renewed application (or “renewal/extension of a residence permit”), there is a new processing fee, see below.</p> <p>2. If a payment is claimed, what is the amount requested:</p> <p>As described above, the amount requested is not dependent on where the application is made (in Finland/in the country of origin). Instead, the fee varies based on whether question is of a first residence permit or a renewal/extension of a residence permit. The fee also varies based on whether the application was made electronically or in paper.</p> <p>The fee is collected when the applicant submits his/her application to an authority. According to the the Finnish Aliens Act, Section 10 a, if an application has been filed electronically, the processing fee must be paid before the processing of the application is started. In practice, if the applicant submits his/her application electronically, the fee is charged upon visiting the authority in question in order to verify identity and to present original versions of the attachments required for the application.</p> <p>The fees collected are based on the Ministry of the Interior decree 872/2013. I did not manage to find an English version of</p>


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	France	Yes	<p>Only the visa fees must be paid at the time of introducing the application. The fee includes the issuance of the visa if it is granted and it is not reimbursed if the application is rejected or the stay is cancelled.</p> <p>Below please find the information concerning the costs for introducing a visa application depending on the visa category concerned :</p> <table border="1" style="width:100%"> <thead> <tr> <th>Type of visa</th> <th>Cost for adult applicants and children above 12 years old (with exceptions)</th> <th>Cost for children below 12 years old</th> <th>Coût de n</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Airport transit visa Schengen</td> <td>60 €</td> <td>35 €</td> <td>Grat</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Short stay visa (3 month max) Schengen</td> <td>60 €</td> <td>35 €</td> <td>Grat</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Long stay visa (more than 3 months) valid for France</td> <td>99 €</td> <td>99 €</td> <td>99 €</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Long stay visa for France issued to a foreign child adopted by a French citizen in the country of origin's lawful form</td> <td>15 €</td> <td>15 €</td> <td>15 €</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Please note :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The applicants from Eastern Europe benefit from a reduced rate (35 euros): Bosnia, Georgia, Moldava, Russia and Ukraine; - Visa applications are free of charge for: the spouse of a French citizen, the non-EU family member of an EU or Swiss citizen, the seasonal worker, the French or foreign government-funded student, the teacher teaching French, the foreign language assistant or lecturer. <p>As regards residence permits issued on the territory, the duty stamp (19 euros) is only requested at the time the</p>	Type of visa	Cost for adult applicants and children above 12 years old (with exceptions)	Cost for children below 12 years old	Coût de n	Airport transit visa Schengen	60 €	35 €	Grat	Short stay visa (3 month max) Schengen	60 €	35 €	Grat	Long stay visa (more than 3 months) valid for France	99 €	99 €	99 €	Long stay visa for France issued to a foreign child adopted by a French citizen in the country of origin's lawful form	15 €	15 €	15 €
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			application is accepted or the permit is issued. The cost for issuing a residence permit in France includes the duty stamp and a possible tax (the amount of which varies according to the type of permit).
	Germany	Yes	<p><u>Preliminary comments:</u> The relevant fees (applicable to all residence titles, including any visa) are due upon application and include the processing fees as well as the costs incurred for producing the residence title. In case of a positive decision, no further costs will therefore be incurred. Should the application for the issuance of the residence title be rejected, processing fees in the same amount will be charged which means that there will not be any reimbursement of the fees as paid. Exceptions: The processing fee for the processing of an application for the issuance of a permanent residence permit or a permit for the permanent residence in the European Union will only be 50% of the (total) fee. A processing fee will not be charged if the application is solely rejected due to a lack of competence of the authority or a lack of capacity to act on the part of the applicant, or if the application will be withdrawn before the factual processing of the application (§ 49 Ordinance on Residence).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Visa:</u> Applications for visa shall have to be made at the Embassy in the country of origin of the foreigner in question. A single fee for the granting of a national visa amounts to 60 EUR and is payable at the time of the application (according to § 46, German Ordinance on Residence). All third-country nationals require at all times a visa to enter the Federal Republic of Germany (irrespective of the purpose of the residence) if the applicants are not nationals of countries that may enter the Federal Territory without a visa (§ 41, German Ordinance on Residence). Additionally, special regulations and/or dispensations may apply to certain categories of persons. 2. <u>Residence Permit:</u> The residence permit is issued for different purposes (e.g. for the purpose of study, or the subsequent immigration of a spouse, or for employment, etc.). It is the period of validity that determines the amount of the fee and not the purpose of the residence. For the issuance of a residence permit or an EU-Blue Card with a period of validity of up to one year, the fee amounts to 100 EUR, for a period of validity of more than one year the fee amounts to 110 EUR. Additional charges incur for the renewal of the residence permit: for an extension of up to three months the fee amounts to 65 EUR, for an extension of more than three months the fee amounts to 80 EUR. When there is a change in the purpose of the residence - and therefore an amendment of the residence permit is required - the fee is 90 EUR. (§ 45, German Ordinance of Residence). 3. <u>Permanent Residence Permit:</u> The fee for the issuance of a permanent residence permit for the highly-qualified amounts to 250 EUR (according to § 19, section 1, German Residence Act), the issuance of a permanent residence permit for the purpose of self-employed activities amounts to 200 EUR, in all other cases the issuance of a permanent residence permit amounts to 135 EUR. (§ 44, German Ordinance of Residence).

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			<p>For Turkish nationals with association entitlement, separate – lower – fees and exemptions in accordance with § 52a Ordinance on Residence will apply. For the issuance and renewals of a residence title of a person that has reached the age of 24, the fee will be EURO 28.80, for those who are younger, the fee will be 22.80“</p>
	<p>Luxembourg</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>1. Is a payment claimed for introducing a procedure aimed at obtaining a residence permit in your country:</p> <p>-When the application is introduced on the territory of your Member State:</p> <p>A third country national can only obtain a residence permit if s/he has already obtained an authorization of stay. As a general rule, the authorization of stay cannot be filed in Luxembourg. The application has to be filed from abroad and the authorization of stay must be granted by the Minister in charge of Immigration before the applicant enters the country. It is only in exceptional cases that third country nationals can apply for an authorization of stay in Luxembourg. There is no fee or payment required when introducing a procedure aimed at obtaining an authorization of stay in Luxembourg.</p> <p>- When the application is introduced in the country of origin of the applicant:</p> <p>Luxembourg does not have an extended diplomatic network which represents its interests worldwide. Luxembourg depends on the diplomatic representations of other Member States (i.e. Netherlands, Belgium, France, Germany, Portugal, Spain and Hungary) to treat the applications for authorization of stay and visas. Luxembourg does not charge any fee for the treatment of the application of an authorization of stay in its diplomatic missions but only for the issuance of a D-visa. The representations of other Member States that deal with the applications for Luxembourg will apply and collect their own administrative fees for the treatment of the applications.</p> <p>2. If a payment is claimed, what is the amount requested:</p> <p>- When the application is introduced on the territory of your Member State: N/A</p> <p>- When the application is introduced in the country of origin of the applicant: N/A. See above.</p> <p>Please find additional information on the following types of applications:</p>



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>Student visa:</u> For obtaining a D-Visa the fee is of 50 Euros. (See http://www.guichet.public.lu/citoyens/fr/citoyennete/immigration-visa/visa/entree-visa/index.html). - <u>Student residence application in the Member State:</u> There are no administrative processing fees for the authorization of stay. However, for the issuance of the residence permit the beneficiary of an authorization of stay as a student must pay a fee of 50 euros. (See http://www.guichet.public.lu/entreprises/fr/ressources-humaines/recrutement/ressortissant-pays-tiers/etudiant/index.html) - <u>Family reunification visa:</u> In the case of a family reunification visa the fee is of 50 euros (in the case of a Luxemburgish diplomatic representation abroad). - <u>Family reunification application in the Member State:</u> A family reunification application has to be made when the family members are still residing outside the territory of Luxembourg. There are no administrative fees for an application for an authorization to stay, but only for the issuance of a residence permit (50€). - <u>Humanitarian/Medical residence application in the Member State:</u> There is no fee for the application for an authorization of stay for private reasons based on humanitarian motives of exceptional gravity but only for the issuance of a residence permit (50€). - <u>Visa application based on a work permit or a professional card:</u> If a third country national who has obtained an authorization of stay as a salaried worker of independent worker and needs a visa for entering the Schengen area he/she must apply for a D-visa and in consequence must pay 50 euros (in the case of a Luxembourgish diplomatic representation). - <u>Application for a residence permit based on a work permit or a professional card in the Member State</u> When filing the application for a residence permit as salaried worker or as an independent worker the applicant must pay an administrative fee of 50 euros. (See http://www.guichet.public.lu/entreprises/fr/ressources-humaines/recrutement/ressortissant-pays-tiers/etudiant/index.html)
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	<p>Netherlands</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>Is a payment claimed for introducing a procedure aimed at obtaining a residence permit in your country?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When the application is introduced on the territory of your Member State. Yes - When the application is introduced in the country of origin of the applicant. Yes <p>If a payment is claimed, what is the amount requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When the application is introduced on the territory of your Member State - When the application is introduced in the country of origin of the applicant <p>There is no difference in the fees for the application of a residence permit introduced in the Netherlands (by the sponsor in the Netherlands) or when it is done in the country of origin. For the exact amount of the different fees see: https://ind.nl/particulier/kosten-inkomenseisen</p> <p>Please find additional information on the following types of applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student visa > € 304 (this is also for the residence permit) - Student residence application in the Member State > € 304 - Family reunification visa > € 228 (this is also for the residence permit). For family members of long-term residents in case of directive 2003/109/EC it is € 152. For Turkish nationals and for children under 18 years it is €53 - Family reunification application in the Member State (the same as above) - Humanitarian/Medical residence application in the Member State (this depends of the exact case. Between € 0-961) - Visa application based on a work permit or a professional card (this depends: between: € 0-861 see: https://ind.nl/particulier/werknemer/kosten-inkomenseisen/Kosten) - Application for a residence permit based on a work permit or a professional card in the Member State (this is the same as for the visa application. If paid for the visa application no fees for the residence permit are needed).
	<p>Sweden</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>1. Is a payment claimed for introducing a procedure aimed at obtaining a residence permit in your country? For all residence permits (except for asylum, refugees and the like) the application must be made from the country of origin. Many of course apply at a Swedish Mission Abroad but for most types of permits application can now also be made directly online at the webpage of the Swedish Migration Board. The application fee must be paid at the time of application in order for the application to be tried and cannot be reimbursed or repayed (not even if the application is denied).</p> <p>2. If a payment is claimed, what is the amount requested: As stated for question 1 the application must be made in the country of origin. The whole fee must be paid at the same time as the application is made – it can be made over the internet using a credit card or by using the bank account of the Swedish Migration Board. The fees differ between different applications, please see below.</p>

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