



Global Immigration alert

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Estonia

Estonia approves revised fees for several immigration services

Executive summary

On 12 June 2024, Estonia's Committee on Legal Affairs approved a bill to revise the fees for several government services, including immigration applications. The revised fees will go into effect on 1 January 2025.

Key developments

The bill, intended to help the government address its budgetary deficit, impacts fees and fines across government departments, such as traffic fines and fees for ID card issuance.

Effective 1 January 2025, the fees for temporary residency permits will nearly quadruple to EUR 225 (up from EUR 64 currently) for individuals applying from within Estonia. For applications filed at Estonian embassies, the fee will more than double to EUR 255 (up from 115 currently).

The following immigration application fees will also increase to:

- ▶ ID cards: EUR 45 for standard processing (up from EUR 30 currently) and EUR 250 for expedited processing (up from EUR 45 currently)
- ▶ Residence permits for employment: EUR 250 for applications filed from within Estonia (up from EUR 96 currently) and EUR 280 for applications filed at an Estonian embassy (up from 145 EUR currently)
- ▶ Passports: EUR 60 for standard processing (up from EUR 45 currently) and EUR 250 for expedited processing (up from EUR 58 currently)
- ▶ Long-term visas: EUR 120 (up from EUR 100 currently)

- ▶ Short-term employment registrations: EUR 140 for applications submitted via email or post (up from EUR 65 currently) and EUR 130 for applications submitted via the online self-service feature (up from EUR 48 currently)

Impact on employers

The revised fees will increase the expenses associated with hiring foreign employees. Employers may consider the new fees as part of their workforce planning strategy.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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