



# Global Immigration alert

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## Belgium

### Belgium increases processing fees for certain immigration applications

#### Executive summary

Effective 1 January 2025, Belgium increased the government processing fees for certain immigration applications.

#### Key developments

Individuals who apply for the following permits are now required to pay the revised processing fees below:

- ▶ Single permits: EUR 148 (up from EUR 144)
- ▶ Long-term residence (D Visa): EUR 198 (up from EUR 192)
- ▶ Family reunification (when the sponsor is a third-country national): EUR 213 (up from EUR 206)

The revised fees impact applications for:

- ▶ New Single Permits or D Visas filed in or outside Belgium (e.g., at Belgian embassies and consulates abroad or at relevant townhalls (i.e., offices of the immigration authorities) in Belgium)
- ▶ Conversion of residence status filed by individuals who are already residing in Belgium based on a valid visa or permit and seek to obtain a D Visa under another category (e.g., a student who applies to change their residence status to employee) or a Single Permit

The revised fee is applicable if individuals booked an appointment with the immigration authorities before 1 January 2025 but had not submitted their application as of this date. However,

certain individuals are exempt from the increased fees, including those who:

- ▶ Apply to extend the validity period of their existing Single Permit or D Visa without any change in status
- ▶ Submit their applications and pay the processing fees on or before 31 January 2025

The authorities generally review and adjust processing fees annually.

#### Impact on employers

Employers may take into account the revised application processing fees and plan accordingly.

#### 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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