



Global Immigration alert

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European Union

Schengen C Visa fees set to increase effective 11 June 2024

Executive summary

Third-country nationals who apply for Schengen C Visas will be subject to increased application fees effective 11 June 2024.

Background

The Schengen Area is a border-free zone that enables the free movement of eligible nationals of countries outside the EU, EEA and Switzerland who seek to enter for reasons other than work (e.g., business traveler activities or tourism). Depending on their nationality, third-country nationals may require a Schengen C Visa to be admitted for up to 90 days cumulatively in any rolling 180-day period. Those who wish to enter for more than 90 days in any 180-day period may require a D Visa. As of the date of publication, the Schengen Area comprises 29 countries, of which 25 are EU Member States. On 14 March 2024, the EU Commission adopted a proposal to increase the application fees for Schengen C Visas.

Key developments

Effective 11 June 2024, applicants above the age of 12 will be subject to a C Visa application fee of EUR 90 (up from EUR 80 currently), while the fee for children between the ages of six and 12 will increase to EUR 45 (up from EUR 40 currently). As is the case currently, children under the age of six will not be subject to any fee. Nationals of countries that are deemed "non-cooperative" by the EU (i.e., those that do not repatriate their expelled citizens from EU Member States) may be subject to higher application fees ranging between EUR 135 to EUR 180.

Impact on employers

Companies that seek to send impacted employees to the Schengen Area for business may take into account the revised application 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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