

# Global Immigration alert

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## Belgium

### Belgium increases processing fees for certain immigration applications

#### Executive summary

Effective 1 January 2026, the Belgian government increased processing fees for certain immigration applications.

#### Key developments

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

- Single permits: EUR 152 (up from EUR 148)
- Long-term residence (D Visa): EUR 202 (up from EUR 198)
- Family reunification (when the sponsor is a third-country national): EUR 218 (up from EUR 213)

The revised fees impact applications for the following categories:

- New Single Permits or D Visas filed in or outside Belgium (e.g., at Belgian embassies and consulates abroad or at relevant townhalls 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 fees apply to individuals who booked an appointment with the immigration authorities before 1 January 2026 but did not submit their application as of this date.

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 processing fees on or before 31 January 2026

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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