

Global Immigration alert

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Finland

Finland increases processing fees for certain immigration applications

Executive summary

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

Key developments

Individuals who apply for various permits are now required to pay the revised processing fees. The increase ranges from EUR 50 to EUR 250. The revised fees are available on the Finnish immigration authorities' official [website](#). Some of the key changes include:

- *First residence permits (residence permits for employed persons (TTOL))*: EUR 950 for paper-based applications and EUR 750 for electronic applications
- *First residence permits without labor market testing (for other work such as specialists and EU Blue Card holders)*: EUR 630 for paper-based applications and EUR 530 for electronic submissions
- *First residence permits for seasonal work*: EUR 630 for paper-based applications and EUR 530 for electronic submissions
- *First residence permits on the basis of family ties, spouse*: EUR 800 for paper application and EUR 750 for electronic submissions
- *Permanent residence permits*: EUR 600 for paper-based applications and EUR 380 for electronic applications

The processing fees for electronic applications remain lower than those for paper-based applications.

Impact on employers

Employers may consider the increased processing fees when supporting employees' applications, as third-country nationals may be subject to higher processing fees when applying for Finnish residence permits.

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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