



EMN Ad-Hoc Query on Fees

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Residence

Responses from Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Slovak Republic, Sweden, United Kingdom, Norway (23 in total)

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Background information:

Spain has had a proactive migration policy in place since September 2013. It makes our country more attractive for mobile people with talent and for business.

The new regulation is a business friendly framework of visa and residence and work permits designed with the aim of attracting and retaining talent, investment and business.

The European Agenda on migration states the positive contribution to economic growth of entrepreneurs, investors and highly qualified professionals.

In the same sense, the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the regions of 28th of October of 2015, among others, indicates that rules on attracting entrepreneurs, combined with support measures helping them to operate in the Single Market, could make Europe a more attractive destination for innovators from outside the EU.

Spain is now reviewing its migration policy and the fees of certain categories regulated in Law 14/2013, of 27 September 2013, on support for entrepreneurs and their internationalisation and would like to know how a rate hike could affect the number of applications that are submitted.



Spain NCP considers that collecting information about the fees from other MSs is crucial for a correct analysis of a matter and will help to policy makers to make a decision.




The ES EMN NCP is interested in the following question:





Questions




1. **In case your Member State have a residence permit for the following TCN categories, what are the fees that have to be paid?**
 - a) Investors;
 - b) Entrepreneurs;
 - c) Highly qualified professionals;
 - d) Researchers, scientists and academics of universities and business schools;
 - e) ICT



Responses


	Country	Wider Dissemination	Response
	Austria	Yes	<p>1. In accordance with the Austrian Act on Fees several fees are due in connection with granting a residence title pursuant to the Settlement and Residence Act (there exists no residence permit for investors in Austria). These fees are: - increased “application fee” in the amount of €120,00 (Article 14 fee item 6 para 3 subpara a Act on Fees) - “granting fee” in the amount of €20,00 (Article 14 fee item 8 para 4 subpara 1a Act on Fees) - Personalization costs in the amount of €20,00 (Article 14 fee item 8 para 4b Act on Fees).</p>
	Belgium	Yes	<p>1. When applying for certain residence permits there is a mandatory fee foreign nationals have to pay. Foreign nationals need to pay such a fee in order to cover the administrative costs related to the processing of the residence permit application. The payment of the fee is an admissibility criteria for the application for certain residence permits. For the categories mentioned in the above question the fee is 350 EUR. There is one exemption to this rule in these categories, no fees need to be paid by researchers who were allocated a scholarship by the authorities or a specific institution AND the researcher need to have signed a guest agreement with a recognized Belgian research institution. The fee for the actual residence card that can be obtained at the municipality is 19,20 EUR (the fee for an urgent procedure is higher). On top of this the municipalities have the possibility to collect a fee when foreign nationals apply, renew, extend, or replace certain residence permits (the actual card), in order to cover the costs related to the processing of the application of these cards. Municipalities can chose to collect this fee or not, and can determine the amount of the fee (within a fixed limit). Municipalities can request this fee for the certificate of registration in the Registry for foreigners- temporary stay (residence card type A – this type of card will be obtained by all categories mentioned above except for highly qualified, they will obtain a residence card type H). The maximum amount of the fee that the municipalities can request is 50 EUR (on top of the fee covering the production costs of the residence card). For the type H card municipalities can request a fee that is not higher than the fee that is requested from Belgian nationals (differs from municipality to municipality, mostly around 20 EUR). The municipalities can only request this fee once a year maximum.</p>




	Bulgaria	Yes	1. a) Investors - 1000 BGN for obtaining a right of permanent residence and 500 BGN for obtaining a prolonged term residence for 1 year. c) Highly qualified professionals - 110 BGN. d) Researchers, scientists - 110 BGN. e) ICT - 500 BGN.
	Croatia	Yes	1. 1. a) b) c) and e) An administrative fee of HRK 560.00 (~75€) shall be paid for the issuing of a residence and work permit to the said category of persons if the application is filed in the police administration or the station (Tar. No. 9, § 1.1 of the Regulation on the Administrative Fees), and if the application is submitted by diplomatic mission or consular office of the Republic of Croatia, a consular tax shall be paid in the amount of HRK 630.00 (~85€) (Tar. No. 63, § 1.2. of the Regulation on the Administrative Fees). d) An administrative fee in the amount of HRK 350,00 (~47€) shall be paid for granting a temporary stay for the purpose of research, if the application is filed in the police administration or the station (Fee No. 9, § 1.2. of the Regulation on Administrative Fees); if the application is submitted by diplomatic mission or consular office of the Republic of Croatia, a consular tax shall be paid in the amount of HRK 420.00 (~56€) (Fee No. 63, § 1. of the Regulation on Administrative Fees). After the issuing residence and work permit / temporary residence permit, a biometric residence permit is issued to third-country nationals. For the issuance of a biometric residence permit, an administrative fee of HRK 70.00 (~9€) shall be paid (Fee No. 9, Section 1.5. of the Regulation on Administrative Fees) and the fee for making a biometric residence permit is HRK 240.00 (~32€), in accordance with the Decision on Determining the Price of Forms for Aliens Documents (Official Gazette, 94/13 and 94/16).
	Cyprus	Yes	1. a)€500 b) No dedicated residence permit is issued to entrepreneurs. To those entrepreneurs wishing to reside and be employed at their establishment in Cyprus, please see point [c]. c)Cyprus has transposed the Blue Card Directive into national law, however the quota has been set to zero (0), hence no Blue Cards are issued. Please note that a national scheme for highly remunerated professionals is in place, for which the fees for a residence permit is €130 per year. For more information, please see the table below: · Issue of an Entry Permit, Registration and Issue of a Temporary Residence Permit: o 1-year validity permit: €270 o 2-year validity permit: €400 · Renewal of a Temporary Residence Permit: o 1-year validity permit: €130 o 2-year validity permit: €260 d) €34,17 for all categories (in CY there are no business schools) e)· Registration, issue of an Entry Permit and Issue of an Intra-corporate Transferee Permit: €180 · Renewal of an Intra-corporate




			Transferee Permit: €85 · Submission of Short-term Mobility Notification: €0 · Registration and Issue of a Long-Term Mobility Permit: €160
	Czech Republic	Yes	<p>1. Fees for long- term residence permit The following listing of fees only concerns fees relating to operations carried out by the Ministry of Interior of the CR. This listing does not include consular fees applied by the individual embassies/consulates of the CR abroad, who likewise accept applications for residence permits or visas. Long-term residence permit (including Investors, Entrepreneurs, Highly qualified professionals, Researchers, scientists and academics of universities and business schools, ICT) Submission of application for long- term residence permit - CZK 1 500. Issuance of a long-term residence permit - CZK 1 000. Submission of application for extension of validity of a long-term residence permit – CZK 1 500. Extension of validity of a long- term residence card - CZK 1 000. Changes to data in a permanent residence card - CZK 1 000. Issuance of a long- term residence cards as a replacement for a damaged, destroyed, lost or stolen card or one with dysfunctional biometric data carrier - CZK 4 000.</p>
	Estonia	Yes	<p>1. a) Investors – a state fee of 160 euros or 180 euros if applied in foreign missions. b) Entrepreneurs, large investors - a state fee of 160 euros or 180 euros if applied in foreign missions. c) Highly qualified professionals - a state fee of 96 euros or 120 euros if applied in foreign missions. d) Researchers, scientists and academics of universities and business schools - a state fee of 96 euros or 120 euros if applied in foreign missions. e) ICT – a state fee of 96 euros or 120 euros if applied in foreign missions.</p>
	Finland	Yes	<p>1. a) n/a b) Application submitted online 400,- application submitted with paper form 470,- (start-up entrepreneurs) or 450,- vs. 520,- for regular self-employed persons or entrepreneurs c) Application submitted online 400,- application submitted with paper form 470,- d) Application submitted online 400,- application submitted with paper form 470,- e) Application submitted online 400,- application submitted with paper form 470,-</p>
	France	Yes	<p>1. In France, all the categories listed below are subject to the same fees: 269€for the first issuance of</p>

			the residence permit and 269 euros for the renewal
	Germany	Yes	<p>1. • Investors: The fee for granting a residence permit is €100 , the fee for extending a residence permit for up to three months is €6 and the fee for extending a residence permit for more than three months is €3. • Entrepreneurs: The fee for granting a residence permit is €100 , the fee for extending a residence permit for up to three months is €6 and the fee for extending a residence permit for more than three months is €3; the fee for granting an (unlimited) settlement permit is €24. • Highly qualified professionals: The fee for granting a residence permit or EU Blue Card is €100 respectively, the fee for extending a residence permit or EU Blue Card for up to three months is €6 and the fee for extending a residence permit or EU Blue Card for more than three months is €3; the fee for granting an (unlimited) settlement permit is €47. • Researchers, scientists and academics of universities and business schools: The fee for granting a residence permit is €100, the fee for extending a residence permit for up to three months is €6 and the fee for extending a residence permit for more than three months is €3. • ICT: The fee for the first issue of an ICT card is €100, the fee for extending an ICT card for up to three months is €6 and the fee for extending an ICT card for more than three months is €3; the fee for the first issue of a mobile ICT card is €80 and the fee for extending a mobile ICT card is €70.</p>
	Greece	Yes	<p>1. In Greece, the fees for the most categories or residence permits were recently decreased. TCNs are required to pay fees for the specific categories of residence permits, as follows: • Investors (initial permit: 2.000 €and renewal 2.000 €) • Entrepreneurs (high value investment): (initial permit: 2000€ and renewal 2000 €) • Highly qualified professionals (national schemes and blue card): (initial permit: 150 €and renewal 150 €) • Researchers, scientists and academics of universities and business schools (in case of Greece only researchers: initial permit: 150 €and renewal 150 €) • ICTs: (initial permit: 150 €and renewal 150 €)</p>
	Hungary	Yes	<p>1. In the case if the applicant is a third country national, the application fee for a residence permit is 60 - EUR in all categories. If the applicant is an EEA citizen, (s)he needs to be registered by the immigration authority and the registration fee is 1.500,- HUF (app. 5,- EUR).</p>


	Ireland	Yes	<p>1. a) Investors Ireland has an Immigrant Investor Programme (IIP). Investors who apply for the Programme pay a fee of €1500 which is set out in the Immigration Act 2004 (Immigrant Investor Programme)(Application for Permission)(Fee) Regulations 2017. Holders of an immigration permission under the Programme pay an immigration registration fee of €300 per registration. b) Entrepreneurs Ireland has a Start Up Entrepreneur Programme (STEP). Applicants for permission under the Programme pay an application fee of €350 which is set out in the Immigration Act 2004 (Start Up Entrepreneur Programme) (Application for Permission) (Fee) Regulations 2012. The fee is waived for applicants who are sponsored by Enterprise Ireland. Holders of an immigration permission under the STEP programme pay an immigration registration fee of €300 per registration. c) Highly qualified professionals Ireland has a national Critical Skills Employment Permit category. The application fee is €1,000 for permits up to 24 months. Holders of a Critical Skills Employment Permit pay an immigration registration fee of €300 per registration. The Atypical workers permission can be granted to certain highly skilled non-EEA nationals (e.g. medical nursing and IT) for a short term employment in Ireland not to exceed 90 days. Fee is €250 per application. In some cases the registration fee of €300 may apply (in cases where the time in the State exceeds 90 days). d) Researchers, scientists and academics of universities and business schools Researchers who have a hosting agreement pursuant to the Researchers' Directive 2005/71/EC pay an immigration registration fee of €300 per registration. Ireland does not participate in Directive 2016/801/EC. Researchers and academics may also apply for a Critical Skills Employment permit. e) ICT It is assumed Intra-Corporate Transferees is meant. Ireland does not participate in the EU Directive on Intra-Corporate Transferees. Ireland has a national employment permit category for Intra-Corporate Transferees. The application fee is €1,000 for first permits of up to 24 months and €500 for permits of six months or less. Fees for renewal of permits are €500 for six months or less, €1,000 for up to 24 months and €1,500 for up to 36 months. Holders of an ICT employment permit pay an immigration registration fee of €300 per registration.</p>
	Italy	Yes	<p>1. a) Investors; 40 €for permits valid for more than 3 months and up to 1 year, 50 €for permit valid for more than 1 year and up to 2 years b) Entrepreneurs; 40 €for permits valid for more than 3 months and up to 1 year, 50 €for permit valid for more than 1 year and up to 2 years c) Highly qualified professionals; 40 €for permits valid for more than 3 months and up to 1 year, 50 €for permit valid for more than 1 year and up to 2 years (Blue Cards); OR 100 €if managers and specialized workers of</p>

			<p>companies having branches or headquarters in Italy, or managers and specialized workers working in representation offices of companies having their headquarter in a WTO country, or managers of companies having the main office in Italy or in a EU country (Migration Act – Art. 27(1)(a) d) Researchers, scientists and academics of universities and business schools; 40 €for permits valid for more than 3 months and up to 1 year, 50 €for permit valid for more than 1 year and up to 2 years e) ICT – 100 €Source: Ministero dell’Economia e Delle Finance, DECRETO 5 maggio 2017, http://www.gazzettaufficiale.it/eli/id/2017/06/08/17A03919/sg</p>
	Latvia	Yes	<p>1. In Latvia TCN of the following categories must pay: a) Investors (share capital investor; real estate owner; person investing in bonds; a credit institution) - initial residence permit (decision making within 30 days – 150 euros; within 10 working days – 300 euros; within 5 working days – 450 euros); renewal of the residence permit (decision making within 30 days – 70 euros; 10 working days – 140 euros; 5 working days – 210 euros); b) Entrepreneurs/businessman - initial residence permit (decision making within 30 days – 100 euros; within 10 working days – 200 euros; within 5 working days – 400 euros); renewal of the residence permit (decision making within 30 days – 45 euros; 10 working days – 90 euros; 5 working days – 180 euros); c) Highly qualified professionals (EU Blue Card) - initial residence permit (decision making within 10 working days – 100 euros; within 5 working days – 200 euros); renewal of the residence permit (decision making within 30 days – 45 euros; 10 working days – 90 euros; 5 working days – 180 euros); d) Researchers, scientists and academics of universities and business schools - exemption from payment of the state fee only in a case if decision for initial residence permit or renewal of the residence permit is made within 30 days. Initial residence permit (decision making within 10 working days – 200 euros; within 5 working days – 400 euros); renewal of the residence permit (decision making within 10 working days – 90 euros; 5 working days – 180 euros); e) ICT - initial residence permit (decision making within 10 working days – 100 euros; within 5 working days – 200 euros); renewal of the residence permit (decision making within 30 days – 45 euros; 10 working days – 90 euros; 5 working days – 180 euros); - Start-up activities (innovative product creation or development) - initial residence permit (decision making within 30 days – 100 euros; within 10 working days – 200 euros; within 5 working days – 400 euros); renewal of the residence permit (decision making within 30 days – 45 euros; 10 working days – 90 euros; 5 working days – 180 euros); - Students of Master’s and doctor’s degree – exemption from payment of the state fee only in a case if decision for initial residence permit or renewal of the residence permit is made</p>

			within 30 days. Initial residence permit (decision making within 10 working days – 200 euros; within 5 working days – 400 euros); renewal of the residence permit (decision making within 10 working days – 90 euros; 5 working days – 180 euros).
	Lithuania	Yes	<p>1. Fees for issuing/replacing and processing temporary residence permits are the same for all TCN categories mentioned in the question. 1. Examination of the application for issuance or replacement of the temporary residence permit: a) On a regular basis - EUR 86. The regular examination of the application has to be finalized within 2 or 4 months depending on the ground; b) On an urgent basis EUR 172. The urgent examination has to be finalized within 1 or 2 months depending on the ground. 2. Processing of the temporary residence permit (issuing the card): a) On a regular basis - EUR 28 (card issued within 10 days); b) On an urgent basis - EUR 56 (card issued within 5 days).</p>
	Luxembourg	Yes	<p>1. a) The investor authorisation of stay is foreseen by article 53bis of the amended law of 29 August 2008 on free movement of persons and immigration. The fee for issuing and renewing an investor residence permit is 80€ b) The independent worker residence permit (there is no entrepreneur authorisation of stay per se) is foreseen by article 51 of the amended law of 29 August 2008. This authorisation of stay comprehend entrepreneurs as liberal professionals. The fee for issuing and renewing the independent worker is 80€ c) The Highly qualified worker residence permit (European Blue Card) is foreseen by article 45 of the amended law of 29 August 2008. The fee for issuing and renewing the European Blue Card is 80€ d) The researcher authorisation of stay is foreseen by article 63 of the amended law of 29 August 2008. The fee for issuing and renewing the Researcher residence permit is 80€ e) The ICT authorisation of stay is foreseen by article 47 of the amended law of 29 August 2008. The fee for issuing and renewing the ICT residence permit is 80€</p>
	Netherlands	Yes	<p>1. a) Investors • First application and change in purpose of stay: €137 • Extension: €1069 b) Entrepreneurs • Work as a self-employed person: o First application and change in purpose of stay: €325 o Change in purpose of stay: self-employed person after start up: €355 o Extension: €355 • Start up: o First application and change in purpose of stay: €321 o Change in purpose of stay: self-employed after start up: €355 c) Highly qualified professionals • Highly skilled migrant: o First application and change in purpose of stay: €82 o Extension: €355 • Work as holder of a European blue card: o First application and change in purpose of stay: €661 o Extension: €355 d) Researchers,</p>

			<p>scientists and academics of universities and business schools • First application, change in purpose of stay and extension: €21 e) ICT • First application: €82 • Extension: €55 Besides, the Netherlands has an Association Agreement with Turkey. This applies to all the purposes under work: • Residence permit with mvv (provisional residence permit): €65 • Residence permit without mvv: €1 • Extension: €1</p>
	Poland	Yes	<p>1. In Poland TCN of the following categories must pay: • Investors: no special fees for resident permit; • Entrepreneurs (Foreigners, the purpose of whose stay is conducting business activity on the territory of Poland on the basis of provisions binding in this respect. This permit is also granted to foreigners whose purpose of residence in Poland is to act on the management board of the limited liability company or a joint-stock company the shares or stakes of which he is in hold of or management of limited partnership or limited joint-stock partnership company by a general partner or acting as a proxy. (Stamp duty 340 PLN / 79 €; Fee for residence card 50 PLN /11,60 €); • Highly qualified professionals (Stamp duty 440 PLN / 102€; Fee for residence card 50 PLN /11,60 €); • Researchers: (Stamp duty 340 PLN / 79 €; Fee for residence card 50 PLN/11,60 €); • ICT: (Stamp duty 440 PLN / 102€; Fee for residence card 50 PLN /11,60 €)</p>
	Slovak Republic	Yes	<p>1. In the SR fees for application for residence permits are different when applying at the Bureau of the Border and Foreign Police offices in the SR or at the diplomatic missions abroad. • Investors (SR does not specifically recognize this category in its legislation regarding the residence, only entrepreneurs or business purposes as such) • Entrepreneurs 232 EUR or 240 EUR at the diplomatic mission abroad • Highly qualified professionals - Blue Card- 165,50 EUR or 170 EUR at the diplomatic mission abroad • Researchers, scientists and academics of universities and business schools (0 EUR, only fee for residence card 4,50) • ICT – (170 EUR at the diplomatic mission abroad)</p>
	Sweden	Yes	<p>1. a) NA b) 2000 skr - approximately 200 euro c) 2000 skr - approximately 200 euro d) 1000 skr - approximately 100 euro</p>
	United Kingdom	Yes	<p>1. a) Investors must pay £1,623 to apply for a Tier 1 (Investor) visa online or by post. The fee is the same if they are extending or switching visas. They also have to pay the healthcare surcharge as part</p>

			<p>of their application. This varies based on their health and they should check how much they will have to pay before they apply. Fees for applying and extending in person They can use the super premium service to apply or extend in person. They must pay a one-off fee of £10,500, plus £2,233 for each person applying. They can use this service for up to 4 ‘main applicants’ and a maximum of 10 people per visit. ‘Main applicants’ are the people with access to the investment funds. b) The fees for Entrepreneurs vary. They are: Applying for themselves, online or by post, £1,277. Applying for themselves in person, £1,021. If they are from Turkey or Macedonia, the costs are different. £1,222 applying online or by post. £966 in they apply in person. For dependants the costs are (PER DEPENDANT): £1,277, applying online or by post. £1,021 applying in person. c and d) Please see below for the fees for skilled workers. Up to 3 years Who you’re applying for Apply (outside the UK) Extend or switch in the UK Extend or switch in person in the UK (premium service) You £610 £704 £1,314 If you’re a citizen of Turkey or Macedonia £555 £649 £1,259 All dependants £610 each person £704 each person £1,314 each person You’ll also have to pay the healthcare surcharge as part of your application. Check how much you’ll have to pay before you apply. Up to 3 years - shortage occupation A shortage occupation is a skilled job where there is a shortage of workers in the UK. Who you’re applying for Apply (outside the UK) Extend or switch by post in the UK Extend or switch in person in the UK (premium service) You £464 £464 £1,074 You - as a citizen of Turkey or Macedonia £409 £409 £1,019 All dependants £464 each person £464 each person £1,074 each person You’ll also have to pay the healthcare surcharge as part of your application. Check how much you’ll have to pay before you apply. More than 3 years Who you’re applying for Apply (outside the UK) Extend or switch by post in the UK Extend or switch in person in the UK (premium service) You £1,220 £1,408 £2,018 You - as a citizen of Turkey or Macedonia £1,165 £1,353 £1,963 All dependants £1,220 each person £1,408 each person £2,018 each person You’ll also have to pay the healthcare surcharge as part of your application. Check how much you’ll have to pay before you apply. More than 3 years - shortage occupation A shortage occupation is a skilled job where there is a shortage of workers in the UK. Who you’re applying for Apply (outside the UK) Extend or switch by post in the UK Extend or switch in person in the UK (premium service) You £928 £928 £1,538 You - as a citizen of Turkey or Macedonia £873 £873 £1,483 All dependants £928 each person £928 each person £1,538 each person You’ll also have to pay the healthcare surcharge as part of your application. Check how much you’ll have to pay before you apply. e) Please see below for the fees for ICT. Graduate Trainee Who you’re applying for Apply (outside the UK) Extend or switch in the UK</p>
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	Norway	Yes	<p>1. The administrative fee for the applications in question here is 568 euros. It is the same for these applications.</p>