



European Migration Network

LIMITED Ad-Hoc Query on Fees application residence permit EU and non-EU citizens

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Responses from Belgium, Germany, United Kingdom, Netherlands (4 in Total)

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1. Background Information

Currently, EU-citizens in the Netherlands that apply for a national residence permit are favored as to non-EU citizens regarding the fees. After the proposal of the policy division the State Secretary for Justice asked for additional information on this subject in other EU-countries. The information you provide will be used by the policy division in answering the State Secretary for Justice.

2. Responses

		Wider Dissemination?	Questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <i>Is there a difference in the fees of applications for a national residence permit between EU and non-EU citizens on the grounds of national law/regulation?</i> 2) <i>What is the amount of fees for EU-citizens applying for a national residence permit ? (Please include the amount of fee for a national residence permit)</i> 3) <i>What is the amount of fees for EU-citizens applying for a permit based on European Community law.</i>
	Belgium	yes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In principle, there is no difference. The municipalities can decide what amount is fixed for taxes (in order to cover overhead/administration costs). 2. en 3) Amounts vary as the communes can decide to raise specific taxes for the communes interest (administration costs). The

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			minimum price is €10, maximum €25. On average the fee will be around €12,50. All family members, except children under the age of 12 (free), will have to pay this fee.
	Germany	yes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No. The provision on charges and fees does not make any differentiation as to who lodges an application for a residence permit. 2. Whoever lodges the application is charged with 50 EUR for a residence permit valid up to one year; for resident permits valid for a longer time period, the charge is 60 EUR. For an extension of validity of a residence permit (up to three months), the charge is 15 EUR, the extension for a longer period is charged with 30 EUR. 3. The charge for issuing the certificate confirming the right of residence (Section 5(1) of the Freedom of Movement Act/EU) amounts to 10 EUR. The residence card (Section 5(2) of the Freedom of Movement Act/EU), the certificate confirming the right of permanent residence (Section 5(6),1st sentence of the Freedom of Movement Act/EU), and the permanent residence card (Section 5(6),2nd sentence of the Freedom of Movement Act/EU), are all charged with 8 EUR each; this charge, however, is not levied for the initial permit of persons who have not yet reached the age of 21.
	Netherlands	yes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Yes, there is a difference. Conform Dutch migration regulations EU-citizens applying for a national residence permit don't have to pay any fees where non-EU-citizens always have to pay the fees (between €188 en €30). 5. see answer on question 1. 6. EU-citizens who want to stay longer than 3 months in the Netherlands according to EU-law are obliged to register in the Netherlands. There are no fees involved. If the EU-citizens applies for an entitled 'Application for verification against EU Community law proof of lawful residence' they have to pay the fees of €30.
	United Kingdom	yes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Residence permits are not issued in the UK, as a result of applications made under UK domestic legislation. Rather, successful applicants are given limited or indefinite leave to remain (LTR or ILR). If an EU citizen decides to apply for LTR or ILR under the UK's Immigration Rules (as per non-EU citizens) then he/she is charged the same fee as non-EU citizens. 2. The fees for LTR range from £295 to £950, dependent on the category of the immigration rules under which an application is made – each category has a standard and a premium rate, the latter generally being an additional £200 for the application to be accepted at one of our Public Enquiry Offices. The fee for ILR as set at £750 (or £950 if the application is made at a Public Enquiry Office). The fee is the same for both EU and non-EU citizens. 3. If an EU citizen (or a non-EU relative of an EU citizen) makes an application on the basis of EU law, then the individual does not get LTR or ILR, but rather a document recognising his/her status under EU legislation. There is no charge for this process.
