Step 1 – Payment of the Fee

There are several amounts, depending on the purpose of the application. These amounts are linked to the consumer price index of the Kingdom and are adjusted on 1 January each year.

As of 1 January 2023, the amount of the fee is set as follows:

Free of charge:

- Foreigner under 18 years of age;
- A recognized stateless person who has lost his or her nationality against his or her will and who demonstrates that he or she cannot obtain a legal and permanent residence permit in another State with which he or she has ties.

138 euro:

- Application for a work and residence permit (**single permit**) - Article 61/25-1 of the law of 15 December 1980;
- Application for a work and residence permit as a **highly-qualified worker** - Article 61/26 of the law of 15 December 1980;
- Application for a residence permit of more than 90 days for a foreigner who wishes to conduct a **research project**, as a researcher, **under a hosting agreement** signed with an accredited research institute - Article 61/11 of the law of 15 December 1980, except (b);
- Application for a residence permit of more than 90 days as a **seasonal worker** - Article 61/29-4 of the law of 15 December 1980;
- Application for a residence permit of more than 90 days as an **intra-corporate transferee** - Article 61/34 of the law of 15 December 1980;
- Application for a residence permit of more than 90 days for **long-term mobility** as an intra-corporate transferee - Article 61/45 of the law of 15 December 1980.

184 euro:

- Application for a residence permit of more than 90 days for a foreigner holding a valid **"long-term resident - EU"** residence permit issued by another Member State of the European Union on the basis of Directive 2003/109/EC - Article 61/7 of the law of 15 December 1980, except (b);
- Application for **authorisation to return** submitted by a foreigner who holds a valid Belgian residence or establishment permit and who has been absent from the Kingdom for more than one year - Article 19, § 2, of the law of 15 December 1980, except (f) and (g);
- Application for the **re-acquisition of long-term resident status** after the loss of the right of return - Article 19, § 2, of the law of 15 December 1980, except (f) and (g).

198 euro:

- Application for a residence permit for the **family members of a Belgian citizen** - Article 40*ter* of the law of 15 December 1980, except (a) and (h);
- Application for a residence permit of more than 90 days for **family members of a foreigner** authorised to stay in Belgium for an unlimited period of time, or authorised

to settle in Belgium **(B, C, D, F, F+ or K card**) - Article 10, § 1, paragraph 1, 4° to 6° of the law of 15 December 1980, except (a), (e) and (f);
- Application for a residence permit of more than 90 days for the **family members of a foreigne**r authorised to stay in Belgium for a limited period of time (A, H or L card) - Article 10*bis*, § 2 of the law of 15 December 1980, except (a) and (f);
- Application for a residence permit of more than 90 days for the **family members of** a foreigner authorised to stay in Belgium as **a student** (A card) - Article 10*bis*, § 1, of the law of 15 December 1980, except (a) and (f);
- Application for a residence permit of more than 90 days for a foreigner whose right of residence has been recognised by an international treaty, by a law or by a royal decree - Article 10, § 1, paragraph 1, 1° of the law of 15 December 1980, except (a), (e) and (f);
- Application for a residence permit of more than 90 days for a foreigner who meets the conditions set out in the Belgian Nationality Code to re-acquire Belgian nationality - Article 10, § 1, paragraph 1, 2° of the law of 15 December 1980, except (a), (e) and (f);
- Application for a residence permit of more than 90 days for a woman who, through marriage or following the acquisition of a foreign nationality by her husband, has lost her Belgian nationality - Article 10, § 1, paragraph 1, 2° of the law of 15 December 1980, except (a), (e) and (f).

220 euro:

- Application for a residence permit of more than 90 days submitted to a Belgian diplomatic or consular post (visa D) (**study in a private higher education institution, *au pair, professional card or proof of exemption, Working Holiday Scheme, annuitant, humanitarian reasons, etc***.) - Article 9 of the law of 15 December 1980, except (b), (c), (d) and (f).

228 euro:

- Application for a residence permit of more than 90 days for a foreigner who wishes to stay in Belgium as a student in a public higher education institution - Article 60 of the law of 15 December 1980, except (b).

343 euro:

- Application for a residence permit of more than 90 days submitted in Belgium (exceptional circumstances) - Article 9*bis* of the law of 15 December 1980, except (b).

In case of application for a **change of status**, or application for a **return visa** after the loss of the right of return: application of the amount corresponding to the requested status.

(a) Unless the applicant is an unmarried disabled child over the age of 18, provided he or she submits a certificate from a doctor approved by the Belgian diplomatic or consular post stating that he or she is unable to support himself or herself because of his or her disability: **free of charge.**

(b) Unless the applicant is a foreigner who provides proof that he or she holds a scholarship granted by a body or authority referred to in article 1/1 of the Royal Decree of 8

October 1981 using a standard form in accordance with the model laid down by the Minister or a certificate issued by the Directorate-General for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid of the Federal Public Service for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation: **free of charge.** Read more: Exemption for foreign nationals who have received a scholarship granted by a government or an institution listed in article 1/1 of the Royal Decree of 08.10.1981

(c) Unless the applicant is a foreigner who has been admitted to the resettlement procedure under a resettlement scheme supervised by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: **free of charge.**

(d) Unless the applicant is an indigent alien and can prove this by means of an exemption from consular fees granted by the diplomatic or consular post based on justified indigence, provided he or she does not have to prove sufficient means of subsistence in the context of his or her application: **free of charge.**

(e) Unless the applicant is a family member of a foreigner who has refugee status or subsidiary protection status: **free of charge.**

(f) Unless the applicant is a beneficiary of the Agreement creating an association between the Republic of Turkey and the European Economic Community signed on 12 September 1963: **free of charge.**

(g) Unless the applicant is a beneficiary of refugee status or a family member of a foreigner with refugee status: **free of charge.**

(h) Except applications submitted by family members of a Belgian citizen who has exercised his or her right to free movement in accordance with the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union: **free of charge.**

Step 2 – Payment of the Fee

The fee must be paid **in euro (€)** by the applicant or a third party to the account of FPS Home Affairs, Immigration Office, Boulevard Pacheco 44, 1000 Brussels.

IBAN: BE57 6792 0060 9235

BIC: PCHQBEBB

Bank: BPOST SA, Centrum Monnaie (without number), 1000 Brussels

The **payment reference** must have the following structure**: Name Forename Nationality Date of Birth (DDMMYYYY) of the applicant.**

Please note: if you forgot the payment reference or made a mistake (for example you mentioned your identity instead of the identity of the applicant), you should not request a refund of the fee and should not make a new payment. Send an e-mail and a proof of payment to the infodesk of the Immigration Office (infodesk[at]ibz.fgov.be). The Immigration Office will then contact the embassy/the consulate of Belgium or the competent municipal authority.