



Immigration Agency Funding Mechanisms in Selected OECD Countries

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Comparative Summary

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I. Introduction

This report, prepared by the research staff of the Law Library of Congress, surveys 34 OECD-member jurisdictions to observe how they fund their government agencies responsible for administering immigration.¹ The report puts special focus on whether the jurisdictions employ mechanisms enabling the relevant agencies to use service fees and other charges that they collect while providing immigration-related services to fund their operations, as distinguished from the ordinary appropriated funding they receive from state budgets.² The entries for each jurisdiction specifically indicate the method used in the jurisdiction for the funding of the relevant immigration authority, and whether a special account is established for depositing immigration-related fees and other charges. Details and comments are provided in individual entries where helpful or necessary.

II. Jurisdictions With Special Funding Mechanisms

Of the surveyed OECD jurisdictions, eight have adopted funding mechanisms that enable immigration agencies to collect service fees and related charges in special accounts for the funding of the agency's operations as additional to the appropriations made in the state budget. Five out of the eight jurisdictions that provide for such mechanism are the Nordic countries, namely **Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden**, where some of the collected fees remain with agency and are directly at the agency's disposal, whereas other fees are remitted to the central government but are used to fund the agency. The other jurisdictions that use special accounts are **Chile, Costa Rica, and New Zealand**. While in **Chile**, and **New Zealand**, fees and other related charges are paid into agency accounts to be used in the funding of the agency, uniquely, in **Costa Rica**, all fees and revenues derived from immigration law procedure are collected in a trust administered by the Treasury, whose income is then deposited in a fund earmarked for the use of the immigration agency.

¹ Surveyed jurisdictions are **Australia, Austria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom**. The report does not include surveys of Belgium, France, Luxembourg, and the United States, which are also OECD-members.

² For background on the general budgeting practices of many countries surveyed in this report see *Senior Budget Official Reviews of Budgeting Systems*, OECD.org, <https://perma.cc/W7VB-LKWL> (including country reviews of the budgeting systems of 41 OECD and non-OECD jurisdictions undertaken in multiple years by the OECD Working Party of Senior Budget Officials and published in the OECD Journal of Budgeting). See also International Monetary Fund, *Budget Institutions in G-20 Countries - Country Evaluations*, IMF Policy Papers 2014:42 (July 4, 2014), <https://perma.cc/CBT9-6DSV> (evaluating budgeting practices of G-20 countries, many of which are OECD member states).

Some jurisdictions use fees and charges for the funding of the immigration agency without having them deposited in special accounts: In **Mexico** and **Portugal**, special accounts are not used, but the fees and charges collected by immigration agencies are first remitted to the central government and are then earmarked for the use of the agency in part or in whole.

In some jurisdictions, certain fees and charges collected in relation to immigration or visa procedures are earmarked for specific purposes; for example, in **Hungary**, an immigration tax collected by the tax authorities is specifically earmarked for use in performance of border protection tasks, while in **Mexico** part of the fees received for tourist visas are earmarked for use in the improvement of the country's tourism infrastructure.

III. Other Jurisdictions

In the majority of the countries surveyed, fees and other charges are not used directly to fund immigration agency operations, in part or in whole, by depositing them in special accounts or by otherwise earmarking them for agency use. Instead, fees and charges are typically remitted directly, or indirectly through general agency or consular accounts, to treasury accounts, and agencies are funded through appropriations in the state budget and in apparent accordance with the principles of top-down approach to budget preparation and universality in budgeting.³ While not having set up self-funding mechanisms for immigration agencies, some jurisdictions such as **Canada** and **United Kingdom** have nevertheless explicitly adopted cost recovery as a principle in their laws for determining the fees for immigration-related services.

³ Gösta Ljungman, *Top-Down Budgeting – An Instrument to Strengthen Budget Management*, IMF Working Paper 09/243 (2009), <https://perma.cc/S6LQ-8T3B> (“An implicit assumption in a top-down approach is that the budget process is comprehensive, in the sense that all—or at least a significant part of—expenditure is covered by the government budget. The existence of separate budgets through extrabudgetary funds or significant use of revenue budgeted and accounted for on a net basis, diminishes the disciplining effect of an aggregate expenditure limit”); International Monetary Fund, *Guidelines for Public Expenditure Management* 14 (1999), <https://perma.cc/D57D-PS9T> (“Universality [:]All resources should be directed to a common pool or fund, to be allocated and used for expenditures according to the current priorities of the government. In general, earmarking of resources for specific purposes is thus to be discouraged...”). See also OECD, *Recommendation of the Council on Budgetary Governance* (Feb. 18, 2015), Principle 7(c), <https://perma.cc/FTL3-MBH5> (“[Actively plan, manage and monitor the execution of the budget, through] ... the use of a single, centrally-controlled treasury fund for all public revenues and expenditure as an effective mechanism for exercising such regulation and control, with the use of special purpose funds, and ear-marking of revenues for particular purposes, kept to a minimum”).

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|-----------|----------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Australia | Department of Home Affairs | <p>Appropriations</p> <p>Retained external revenue receipts (does not include fees)</p> | No | <p>Department of Home Affairs, <i>Entity Resources and Planned Performance (Portfolio Budget October 2022-23)</i> 38 (Oct. 2022), https://perma.cc/6Z7J-4YRG; Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (PGPA) Act 2013 (Cth) ss 55 & 74, https://perma.cc/5ARR-5TUG; PGPA Rule 2014 (Cth) ss 19 & 27, https://perma.cc/9FHJ-KR8C; Department of Finance, <i>Banking and Management of CRF Money (RMG 413)</i> (May 17, 2021), https://perma.cc/EDD5-EVBE. Visa fees are set under the Migration Act 1958 (Cth) ss 45A–45C, https://perma.cc/UV33-TDWA; Migration Regulations 1994 (Cth) div 2.2A & sch 1, https://perma.cc/Q7RH-884E.</p> | <p>Most money received by non-corporate government entities “is treated as unappropriated general government revenue (i.e., administered receipts) and must be remitted to the primary central bank account of the Australian Government called the Official Public Account (OPA).” (Department of Finance, <i>Retainable Receipts: Resource Management Guide (RMG) 307</i> ¶ 2 (July 2020), https://perma.cc/XX7A-2P4R.) Under the PGPA Act s 74 and PGPA Rule s 27, certain kinds of amounts received can be retained by an entity to increase its appropriations. However, this excludes statutory fees and charges. (Id. ¶ 54.)</p> |

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| Austria | Bundesamt für Fremdenwesen und Asyl (BFA) (part of the Federal Ministry of the Interior) | Appropriations in the Federal Budget | No | BFA-Einrichtungsgesetz [BFA-G], Bundesgesetzblatt [BGBl.] I No. 87/2012, as amended, § 1, https://perma.cc/SFN3-GU32 ; Bundeshaushaltsgesetz 2013 [BHG 2013], BGBl. I No. 139/2009, as amended, https://perma.cc/6URJ-97TZ . | |
| Canada | Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) | Appropriations Immigration fees and levies | No | Treasury Board Secretariat, <i>Main Estimates – 2022-23 Estimates</i> (Citizenship and Immigration Canada), https://perma.cc/6DYZ-MYNL ; Consular Fees (Specialized Services) Regulations, SOR/2003-30, https://perma.cc/6TYC-L7EV ; Passport and Other Travel Document Services Fees Regulations, SOR/2012-253, https://perma.cc/5BSF-8KD7 ; IRCC, <i>Fee List</i> , https://perma.cc/T7YQ-VY6X ; Financial Administration Act, R.S.C., 1985, c. F-11, | Per section 17 of Financial Administration Act, “all public money shall be deposited to the credit of the Receiver General.” Per sections 26 and 28 of the Financial Administration Act, all appropriations to agencies out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund require parliamentary approval and a warrant signed by the Governor General. |

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| | | | | https://perma.cc/WS55-6KUH . | |
| Chile | Chilean consulates overseas; National Migration Service (NMS); Ministry of the Interior, Under-Secretary of the Interior; Immigration Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs | Appropriations Immigration fees and levies | Yes | Ley 21325, Ley de Migración y Extranjería, https://perma.cc/GF6B-5KUN , arts. 30 para. 2, 40, 51, 52, 120-122, 125, 156-157, 158(2) & 180. Decreto 296 Aprueba Reglamento de la Ley No. 21.325, de Migración y Extranjería, https://perma.cc/JLL8-NPGL , arts. 48, 79 & 116. | Monies connected to residence fees and permits for remunerated activities go to the account of the NMS. NMS's budget is composed, in part, of fees paid for fines and permits. Otherwise, all expenditures related to the application of Law 21325 are covered by the National Budget. |
| Colombia | Unidad Administrativa Especial Migración Colombia | Appropriations | No | Ley 2159 de 2021, as amended, art. 2, sec. 1104, https://perma.cc/7UBF-2PK3 . | |
| Costa Rica | Social Migration Fund (SMF), National Treasury; General Directorate of Migration and Immigration; Costa Rican | Appropriations Immigration fees and levies | Yes | Ley No. 8764, Ley General de Migración y Extranjería, https://perma.cc/F8C7-7D5G , arts. 33(3-5), 231, 233-235, 237-244, 252-258 & transitory art. I; Reglamento Control Migratorio, https://perma.cc/XMG3- | All taxes, levies, fines, collections, rates, and any other income derived from the Immigration Law go to the SMF. The SMF is administered through an operative trust by the National Treasury and the income is deposited |

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| | consulates overseas | | | <p>8FD6, arts. 57, 58, 194, 207 & 224.</p> <p>Reglamento de Extranjeria, https://perma.cc/H5QR-YPB6, arts. 46, 48, 75(c)-(d), 79(c)-(d), 80(c)-(d) & 300.</p> <p>Reglamento para el Otorgamiento de Visas de Ingreso, https://perma.cc/UV3W-MWHE, arts. 10, 90, 121 & 161; Directrices Generales de Visas de Ingreso y Permanencia para no Residentes, https://perma.cc/QJY2-7BMZ.</p> | <p>ultimately in the single state fund called the Guarantee Deposit Fund of the General Directorate of Migration and Immigration.</p> <p>Monies must be deposited in an account of the General Directorate of Migration and Immigration.</p> <p>Visa fees paid overseas are deposited with the respective consulates. Visa fees paid in Nicaragua are deposited with the consulate in Managua.</p> |
| Czechia | Department for Asylum and Migration Policy (OAMP) at the Ministry of Interior (regional offices and municipal offices in Prague) | Appropriations | No | Act on Administrative Fees, No. 634/2004 Coll., adopted on Nov.26, 2004, arts. 1, 2, 6, 10, https://perma.cc/ZW89-2SQK (in Czech). | Consular fees and fees relating to operations carried out by the Ministry of Interior are collected in a special state budget account established by the Czech National Bank with the approval of the Ministry of Finance. (Act on Administrative Fees, art. 10; |

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| | | | | | <i>Fees</i> , Department for Asylum and Migration Policy, Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic (Aug. 4, 2021), https://perma.cc/LQ4X-U96R .) |
| Denmark | Udlændingestyrelsen (Danish Immigration Service) | Appropriations and service fees | Yes | <p>§ 9h Bekendtgørelse af udlændingeloven [Aliens Act] (LBK nr 1205 af 25/08/2022), https://perma.cc/37ZK-C2WJ.</p> <p>Bekendtgørelse om indbetaling og tilbagebetaling af gebyrer for at indgive ansøgninger og klager på områderne vedrørende familiesammenføring, tidsubegrænset opholdstilladelse og religiøse forkyndere m.v. [Regulation on payment of fees for applications related to family reunification, temporary permits, and religious persecution](BEK nr 2417 af</p> | <p>The Danish Immigration Service receives appropriations funding from the government and levies fees for the following types of applications: residence permits, visa, travel documents.</p> <p>Fees are paid into a specific account. Some of the fees remain with the agency and are directly at the agency's disposal, whereas other fees go back to the government but are then used to fund the agency.</p> |

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| | | | | 08/12/2021), https://perma.cc/PGA5-BUUG . <i>Fee - Overview of Fee Rates, NyiDanmakr [New to Denmark],</i> https://perma.cc/3D6A-MY4D . | |
| Estonia | Police and Border Guard Board | Appropriations | No | Nationality Act, adopted Jan.19, 1995, art.2.2, https://perma.cc/S8YK-QEED . State Fees Act, adopted Dec. 10, 2014, arts. 9, 10, https://perma.cc/UD9N-GHUV . | Ministry of Finance is the recipient of state fees, which are paid into the state budget payments (State Fees Act, art. 7; <i>How to Pay State Fees, Estonian Police and Border Guard Board,</i> https://perma.cc/XEM7-BA6Z .) |
| Finland | Maahanmuuttovirasto Migrationsverket Finnish Immigration Services | Appropriations and service fees | Yes | Finnish Immigration Service, <i>Processing Fees and Payment Methods,</i> https://perma.cc/77YC-F6MV . Valtion maksuperustelaki [Act on Basis for Fees to the State] (21.2.1992/150), https://perma.cc/WN23-J663 (Finnish), | Migrationsverket receives funding from the government and levies fees for the following types of applications: citizenship; visas; residency permits; travel documents (including passports, alien passports and other travel documents). Some of the fees remain with the agency and are directly |

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| | | | | <p>https://perma.cc/B5BR-ZRP9 (Swedish).</p> <p>Sisäministeriön asetus, Maahanmuuttoviraston suoritteiden maksullisuudesta vuonna 2022 (1175/2021) [Ministry of the Interior Regulation on Fee Based Services 2022], https://perma.cc/7RXG-Q2N7 (Finnish); https://perma.cc/W4FQ-AG7U (Swedish).</p> <p>Sisäministeriön asetus Maahanmuuttoviraston suoritteiden maksullisuudesta vuonna 2022 annetun sisäministeriön asetuksen 2 §:n ja liitteen muuttamisesta (FFS 94/2022) [Ministry of the Interior Regulation on amendment to 2 § i and the appendix to the Ministry of Interior Regulation on Finnish Immigration Service's fee-based services],</p> | <p>at the agency's disposal, whereas other fees go back to the government but are used to fund the agency.</p> |

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| | | | | https://perma.cc/22FJ-WHZR (Finnish); https://perma.cc/6HA8-5AC6 (Swedish). | |
| Germany | Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge (BAMF) (part of the Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community) | Appropriations in the Federal Budget | No | Aufenthaltsgesetz [AufenthG] Feb. 25, 2008, Bundesgesetzblatt [BGBl.] I at 162, as amended, § 75, https://perma.cc/PCC7-L95B (original), https://perma.cc/HK9C-8PQR (English translation, updated through Feb. 17, 2020); Bundeshaushaltsordnung [BHO], Aug. 19, 1969, [BGBl.] I at 1284, as amended, https://perma.cc/2JYW-4JN7 . | |
| Greece | Ministry of Migration and Asylum | Appropriations in the ordinary central administration budget | No | Law on Principles of Financial Management and Supervision (transposition of Directive 2011/85/EU) - public accounting and other provisions [aka Organic Budget Law], Law 4270/2014 (E.K.E.D. 2015, A:143) arts. 51, 69a, 74, & 81-85, https://perma.cc/XL53-HLRR (in Greek); | |

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| | | | | <p>Presidential Decree on Organization of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum, Presidential Decree 106/2020 (E.K.E.D. 2020, A:255), arts. 12-13, https://perma.cc/S7F6-62H5 (in Greek); see also Delphine Moretti et al., <i>Budgeting in Greece, in 2019/2 OECD J. on Budgeting</i> 42-59 (2019), https://perma.cc/XF7R-RFMR.</p> | |
| Hungary | <p>Immigration and Asylum Office of the Ministry of Interior.</p> <p>National Directorate General for Aliens Policing</p> | <p>Appropriations</p> <p>Fees and levies</p> | No | <p>(Act L (2013) on Electronic Information Security of State and Local Government Bodies, § 84, (d), https://perma.cc/8JB9-2PND (in Hungarian).)</p> <p>Act XLI (2018) on Amending Select Tax Laws and other Related Laws, and on the Special Immigration Tax (Immigration Tax Law), § 253, https://perma.cc/L345-KTJV (in Hungarian).</p> <p>Cabinet of Ministers Regulation No. 4/2019. (III.</p> | <p>Immigration tax is collected by the Tax and Customs Authority. Income derived from the immigration tax is contributed to the income of the national budget and is used exclusively for the performance of border protection tasks. (Immigration Tax Law, §§ 11, 12).</p> <p>The amount of administrative service fees to be paid for immigration procedures shall be defined by the minister responsible</p> |

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| | | | | 13.) on Organizational and Operational Rules of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Concerning Consular Fees, https://perma.cc/MVF3-XLTT (in Hungarian). | for tax policy. (Act L (2013) on Electronic Information Security of State and Local Government Bodies, § 84(d), https://perma.cc/8JB9-2PND (in Hungarian).) |
| Iceland | Icelandic Directorate of Immigration | Appropriations and fees | Yes | https://island.is/en/o/direc-torate-of-immigration/laws-and-regulations . Directorate of Immigration, <i>Fees</i> , https://perma.cc/HGT8-9TDK . | The Icelandic Directorate of Immigration receives funding from the government and levies fees for some applications, including residence permits, citizenship, visa, and travel documents. Some of the fees remain with the agency and are directly at the agency's disposal, whereas other fees go back to the government but are used to fund the agency. |
| Ireland | Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service (INIS) | Appropriations | No | Immigration Act 2004, No. 1 of 2004, § 19, https://perma.cc/9YVP-PPC6 ; Bunreacht na hÉireann (Constitution of Ireland) art. 11, https://perma.cc/U3Z7-TYKU . | Article 11 of the Bunreacht na hÉireann (Constitution of Ireland) provides that all revenue of the state, unless otherwise specified, must be paid into the central fund. |

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| Israel | Ministry of Aliyah (immigration under the Law of Return) and Integration The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAI) | Appropriations Donations | No | Basic Law: State Economy, SH 5735 No. 777 p. 206, as amended (in Hebrew); Takdin Legal Database, https://perma.cc/5ZMF-XNDK (in Hebrew, by subscription). Law on the Status of the World Zionist Organization [WZO] and the JAI, 5712-1952, SH 5712, No. 112 p. 2, as amended; Takdin Legal Database, https://perma.cc/FG9B-D38V (in Hebrew, by subscription). | For approved state budget for 2021-22, including funding for immigration, see Ministry of Treasury, https://perma.cc/8D9J-FNE5 (in Hebrew). WZO and the JAI. The JAI is an independent association, made up of the WZO and other organizations, and operates in areas of immigration and immigration absorption with the approval of the government. |
| Italy | Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Fund for Migration Policies; Ministry of the Interior, National Fund for Asylum Policies and Services; Central Directorate of Immigration and | Appropriations | No | Decreto Legislativo 25 luglio 1998, n. 286, Testo unico delle Disposizioni concernenti la Disciplina dell'Immigrazione e Norme sulla Condizione dello Straniero, https://perma.cc/2ZT9-7K82 , art. 48. Decreto del Presidente della Repubblica 31 agosto 1999, n. | All government agencies performing duties related to immigration are funded through the National Treasury. |

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| | <p>Border Police, National Fund for the Reception of Unaccompanied Foreign Minors</p> <p>The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, through its consulates and diplomatic representations overseas, grants visas and other residence permits and collects the fees (D.L. No. 286 art. 4(1). In other cases, when the person is physically present in Italy, the residence permit is issued by the <i>questore</i> (police chief) (art. 18(1). The <i>questore</i> also issues visas and residence permits in case of EU</p> | | | <p>394, Regolamento recante Norme di Attuazione del Testo Unico delle Disposizioni concernenti la Disciplina dell'Immigrazione e Norme sulla Condizione dello Straniero, a norma dell'articolo 1, comma 6, del Decreto Legislativo 25 luglio 1998, n. 286, https://perma.cc/8BYK-FKER, art. 58.</p> <p>Decreto Legislativo 6 febbraio 2007, n. 30, Attuazione della Direttiva 2004/38/CE relativa al Diritto dei Cittadini dell'Unione e dei loro Familiari di Circolare e di Soggiornare Liberamente nel Territorio degli Stati Membri, https://perma.cc/PD3U-Z36F, art. 24.</p> <p>Legge 30 luglio 2002, n. 189, Modifica alla Normativa in materia di Immigrazione e di Asilo, https://perma.cc/A55H-</p> | |

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| | <p>citizens (D.L. 30, art. 22(8).)</p> <p>The Italian Border Police is authorized to issue entry or transit visas of short duration in cases of absolute necessity. (Presidential Decree 394, art. 5(1).)</p> | | | <p>8DAZ, arts. 32(6)(4)(1-septies), 35 & 36(2).</p> <p>Decreto Legislativo 18 agosto 2015, n. 142 Attuazione della Direttiva 2013/33/UE recante Norme relative all' Accoglienza dei Richiedenti Protezione Internazionale, nonche' della Direttiva 2013/32/UE, recante Procedure Comuni ai fini del Riconoscimento e della Revoca dello Status di Protezione Internazionale, https://perma.cc/KZ65-9TMH, art. 19(3).</p> | |
| Japan | Immigration Services Agency | Appropriations | No | Act on Special Accounts, Act No. 23 of 2007, as amended by Act No. 62 of 2022, art. 2, https://perma.cc/R3TU-MNH3 (in Japanese). | The source lists special accounts. There is no special account for the Immigration Services Agency. |
| Latvia | Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs of Latvia (OCMA) at the Ministry of Interior. | Appropriations | No | Government Regulations No. 849 of Sept. 17, 2013 on the State Fee for Submission of Naturalisation Applications, arts. 6, 9, https://perma.cc/D7LB-69WC (in Latvian). | OCMA is funded from state budget and the EU's Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF), overseen by the Ministry of Culture. Collected fees are added to the Office of Citizenship and Migration |

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| | | | | Government Regulation No. 1001 of Sept. 24, 2013 on Procedures for Receiving and Examining Naturalization Applications, art. 4, https://perma.cc/KTD8-4CHK . | Affairs of Latvia, https://perma.cc/U5YH-V4K5 . The amount of fees and their allocation is defined by the Cabinet of Ministers. (Law on Budget and Financial Management, adopted on Apr. 26, 1994, art. 5(9), https://perma.cc/45PE-ZQ2D (in Latvian).) |
| Lithuania | Migration Department under the Ministry of the Interior | Appropriations | No | Resolution on the Approval of the Lithuanian Migration Policy Guidelines, art. 13.3.1., 19.3., https://perma.cc/WC3N-RR8A . Law on Consular Fees, No. 51-2482, adopted on Jun. 23, 1994, arts. 4(2), 5, 6, 10, https://perma.cc/DX84-SXRP . | All activities of migration agencies are funded through state budget appropriations. (Order of the Ministry of Social Security and Labor of the Republic of Lithuania No. A1-755 of Dec. 21, 2018, art. 67, https://perma.cc/FA9B-35Q6 . The fee for migration related state services is paid to the Ministry of Finance (<i>Citizenship of the Republic of Lithuania</i> , Migration Department Under the |

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| | | | | | Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania, https://perma.cc/8N96-U4JQ .) |
| Mexico | Instituto Nacional de Migración (INM) | Appropriations Immigration fees | No | Ley de Migración, as amended, art. Transitorio Quinto, https://perma.cc/26K3-KCFW ; Ley Federal de Derechos, as amended, arts. 8, 18-A, https://perma.cc/K8MC-2V83 . | The INM receives 20% of the fees imposed on applicants for permits to visit Mexico for tourism purposes. The rest is assigned to projects to improve the tourism infrastructure. |
| Netherlands | Immigratie- en Naturalisatiedienst (IND) (part of the Ministry of Justice and Security) | Appropriations in the Budget | No | Organisatiebesluit Ministerie van Justitie en Veiligheid, Nov. 28, 2017, Staatscourant van het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden [Stcrt.] 2017, 70899, art. 2, para. 3(b), no. 4, art. 63g, https://perma.cc/64A7-BH7Z ; Grondwet, Aug. 24, 1815, Staatsblad van het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden [Stb.] 1840, 54, as amended, art. 105, https://perma.cc/V84Y-WKXT ; Comptabiliteitswet 2016, Mar. 22, 2017, Stb. 2017, 139, as amended, | |

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| | | | | https://perma.cc/YB99-Q2H8 . | |
| New Zealand | Immigration New Zealand (INZ) (part of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE)) | Appropriations Immigration fees and levies | Yes | Immigration Act 2009 ss 393, 394, 399 & 400(f), https://perma.cc/N5UU-A84Z ; Immigration (Visa, Entry Permission, and Related Matters Regulations 2010 reg 4A & sch 4 (Fees), reg 4B & sch 6 (Immigration levy), https://perma.cc/7LVJ-VWPL . | The Immigration Act requires that certain fees and charges be paid into a “Departmental Bank Account.” INZ operates “memorandum accounts” to manage cost recovery – one for visa fees and another for a levy charged to foreign travelers. In 2022-23, 61% of its funding will come from fees, 33% from appropriations, and 6% from levies. (MBIE, <i>Interim Immigration Fee and Levy Review – Stage 2 Cost Recovery Impact Statement 6-7</i> (Mar. 2022), https://perma.cc/K7KX-K8K7 .) |
| Norway | Norwegian Directorate of Immigration (UDI) | Appropriation and service fees | Yes | Tildelingsbrev 2022 Utlendingsdirektoratet (UDI) [Appropriations Letter UDI] (Jan. 10, 2022), https://perma.cc/L3JS-PXBX . | UDI receives funding from the government and levies fees for some applications, including residence permits, citizenship, visa, and travel documents. |

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| | | | | <p>Delegering av myndighet til Utlendingsdirektoratet etter utlendingsforskriften, [Regulation of Delegation of Power to the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration], https://perma.cc/L5ZW-6SPD.</p> <p><i>Fees, UDI,</i> https://perma.cc/3XTP-27VH.</p> | Some of the fees remain with the agency and are directly at agency's disposal, whereas other fees go back to the government but are used to fund the agency. |
| Poland | <p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>Provincial departments of internal affairs</p> <p>Migration Policy Department of the Poland's Ministry of Interior and Administration.</p> | Appropriations | No | <p>Consular Act, art. 105, Journal of Laws, 2015, Item 1274, https://perma.cc/M23H-3AHZ (in Polish).</p> <p>Act on Foreigners, art. 235, Journal of Laws, 2017, Items 2206, 2282, https://perma.cc/TH9A-SKST (in Polish).</p> <p>Act on Repatriation, arts. 37, 38, Journal of Laws, 2000, No. 106, Item 1118, https://perma.cc/QC74-WGDW (in Polish).</p> | <p>Consular fees are defined and collected by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and income derived from consular fees is included in the state budget. (Consular Act, arts. 105, 118, 119; <i>Poland Visa Fees</i>, Visaguide.world, https://perma.cc/WCS7-SHNG.)</p> <p>Resources for consular institutions and payment for programs aimed at implementing migration policies shall be allocated by</p> |

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| | | | | | the state and local budgets. (Act on Repatriation, arts. 17, 22, 37, 38.) |
| Portugal | <p>Foreigners and Borders Services (Serviço de Estrangeiros e Fronteiras, SEF)</p> <p>To be replaced by the Foreigners and Asylum Service (Serviço de Estrangeiros e Asilo, SEA)</p> | <p>Appropriations</p> <p>Immigration fees and levies</p> <p>To be determined</p> | No | Decreto-Lei No. 252/2000, de 16 de Outubro, art. 10, https://perma.cc/Y5WA-Q2AH | <p>In addition to appropriations, SEF is funded through amounts charged for visas, permits, and the issuing of travel documents, as well as other fees and charges. These revenues are delivered to the central government fund and applied to SEF expenses.</p> <p>In April 2021, SEF was declared abolished and the decision was published in the Resolution of the Council of Ministers No. 43 of April 14, 2021, https://perma.cc/9B3X-679T. SEF is to be replaced by the SEA, which would be responsible for administrative and technical services related to immigration in the country. However, the shift has been postponed twice, and it</p> |

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| | | | | | seems that it will not happen before the next summer. In the meantime, SEF continues to operate. <i>SEF Portugal: Know the Operation of the Immigration Agency</i> , Eurodicas (Oct. 17, 2022), https://perma.cc/2VMF-72NL (in Portuguese). |
| Slovakia | Alien Police Department of the Ministry of Interior. | Appropriations | No | <p>Act No. 404/2011 Coll. on Residence of Foreigners and Amendments to Certain Acts, art. 133, https://perma.cc/MG8W-PNZ5.</p> <p>Act No. 40/1993 Coll. on Citizenship, art. 7(1), https://perma.cc/XRK7-QBEN (in Slovak).</p> <p>Act No. 253/1998 Coll. on Reporting the Residence of Citizens and Registration of Residents in the Slovak Republic, § 23a(2), https://perma.cc/4KVG-89AY (in Slovak).</p> | |

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| Slovenia | Ministry of Public Administration, Administrative Units in the area of Residence (<i>Upravne Enote</i>). Application for extraordinary naturalization may also be submitted at the Ministry of the Interior and abroad. | Appropriations | No | Law on Foreigners, arts. 22, 53, 75, adopted Jun. 15, 2011, Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 91/21, revised version 105/22, https://perma.cc/72PX-PBY5 (in Slovenian). Law on Administrative Fees, art. 2, Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 106/10 https://perma.cc/B5R6-J8SP (in Slovenian). | |
| South Korea | Korea Immigration Service | Appropriations | No | National Finance Act, Act No. 8050, Oct. 4, 2006, as amended by Act No. 18128, Apr. 20, 2021, arts. 4, 5, https://perma.cc/NPS3-K8AT . | List of special accounts and funds: Ministry of Strategy and Finance, <i>The Budget System of Korea</i> 4 (Mar. 2014), https://perma.cc/7JFG-PMWL . No special account listed for the Immigration Service. |
| Spain | Secretaría de Estado de Migraciones | Appropriations | No | Ley General Presupuestaria, as amended, arts. 36-2, 37, https://perma.cc/LA5J-6D3F . | |
| Sweden | Migrationsverket | Appropriations and service fees | Yes | Regleringsbrev 2022 [Letter of Regulation 2022], | Migrationsverket receives funding from the |

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| | (Swedish Migration Agency) | | | <p>https://perma.cc/R98L-6FUB.</p> <p>3-4 §§ Avgiftsförordning [Regulation on Fees] (1992:191), https://perma.cc/FT64-JQDY.</p> <p>8 kap. 4 § Utlänningsförordningen [Regulation on Foreigners] (SFS 2006:97), https://perma.cc/FJB8-83AS.</p> <p>Förordning om avgifter vid utlandsmyndigheter [Regulation on fees at foreign embassies and consulates] (SFS 1997:691), https://perma.cc/3D68-RVTW.</p> | <p>government and levies fees for the following types of applications: citizenship, visas (student, family reunification, work), passports (including alien passport and other travel documents).</p> <p>According to the Regleringsbrev (regulation letter), applications that involve fees should be funded through the fee structure at between 15% and 80% of the total cost for processing the application.</p> <p>Some of the fees remain with the agency and are directly at the agency's disposal, whereas other fees go back to the government but are used to fund the agency.</p> <p>Fees levied for immigration processing by embassies are not reported by the Migration Agency.</p> |

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| Switzerland | Staatssekretariats für Migration (SEM) (part of the Federal Department of Justice and Police) | Appropriations in the Federal Budget | No | Finanzhaushaltgesetz [FHG], Oct. 7, 2005, Systematische Rechtssammlung [SR] 611.0, as amended, https://perma.cc/NR2R-PAPZ . | |
| Turkey | Göç İdaresi Başkanlığı (Presidency of Migration Management) | Appropriations in the central administration budget | No | Kamu Malî Yönetimi ve Kontrol Kanunu, Law No. 5018 (Official Gazette No. 25326, Dec. 24, 2003), arts. 3(b), 6, 37, & app. I, https://perma.cc/94PE-TF5S ; see also Sayıştay Başkanlığı, 2021 Yılı Sayıştay Mali Denetim Raporu: Göç İdaresi Başkanlığı 4-5 (Sept. 2022), https://perma.cc/9D2D-NB3M ; Göç İdaresi Başkanlığı, 2021 Yılı Temel Mali Tabloları 8 (2022), https://perma.cc/FKM9-ZAYE . | Under Law No. 5018 on Public Fiscal Governance and Control, fees and charges collected by a central administration agency for provision of public services cannot ordinarily be used by the agency to increase its appropriations in the central administration budget. Law No. 5018 provides that all revenues of “Appendix I” public administration agencies must be remitted to the Treasury; the law designates the Presidency of Migration Management as an Appendix I public administration agency. |
| United Kingdom | UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI, part of the Home Office) | Appropriations | No | Immigration Act 2014, c. 22, §§ 68-71, https://perma.cc/6KFP-9QWV ; Immigration and | Section 69(4) of the Immigration Act 2014 provides that any fees paid in connection with |

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| | | | | <p>Nationality (Fees) Regulations 2018, SI 2018/330 (as amended), https://perma.cc/7DKM-7LAJ.</p> | <p>immigration or nationality functions must be paid into the consolidated fund. The Explanatory Notes to the Immigration Act 2014 states, “fees can be set to take account of the cost of exercising any function in connection with immigration or nationality. This ensures that individual fees may be set at a level that reflects the cost of operating the immigration system.” <i>Immigration Act 2014, c. 22 Explanatory Notes</i>, https://perma.cc/NKZ7-REC7.</p> <p>In 2021-23, UKVI has a cost recovery target of 149% and uses the additional income towards the departments’ overhead costs. Home Office, <i>Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22</i>, HC 194 (July 22, 2022), https://perma.cc/AS3J-YFXF.</p> |