



Customs and Immigration Service

Report

To: Minister for Home Affairs

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Subject: Immigration Fee Increases 2025

Purpose of Report

To enable the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs to approve the increase in immigration fees, relating to in-country applications submitted to the Jersey Customs & Immigration Service, from 1st June 2025 to align with those in the United Kingdom.

Background

In 2011, the Minister for Home Affairs obtained the agreement of the Minister for Treasury and Resources (MD-TR-2011-DD92) to adopt a formula allowing immigration fees in Jersey to be aligned to those set in the UK.

Paragraph 5.12 of Financial Direction 4.1 allows an increase in fees of more than 2.5% to be applied without the prior approval of the Minister for Treasury and Resources where a formula is used which has received the approval of the Minister.

Financial Direction 4.1 has been replaced by the Public Finances Manual and confirmation from Treasury & Exchequer has verified that the Ministerial Decisions signed in 2011 are still valid and no additional approval is required to increase immigration fees in excess of 2.5%.

The United Kingdom are planning to implement new immigration fees which will come into effect in April 2025. Fees were last increased in Jersey to align with the UK in 2023.

Recommendation

That the Minister for Home Affairs approves the fee increase from 1st June 2023 to align with the United Kingdom and that these changes be reflected in an amendment to the Immigration (Fees) (Jersey) Order 2022. The increases are as follows:



	Current Fee	New Fee
Skilled Worker	£827	£885
Skilled Worker (dependant)	£827	£885
Tier 1 Investor	£1,884	£2,000
Tier 1 Investor (dependant)	£1,884	£2,000
T2 Minister of Religion	£827	£885
T2 Minister of Religion (dependant)	£827	£885
Temporary Worker	£298	£319
Student	£490	£524
Student (dependant)	£490	£524
Leave to remain	£1,258	£1,321
Indefinite leave to remain	£2,885	£3,029

The United Kingdom are also applying increases to nationality fees. Naturalisation or Registration as a British citizen is granted under the British Nationality Act 1981. British nationality is not a matter under the control of the Government of Jersey and therefore the provisions of the Act are extended directly to the Island by His Majesty's Government without modification. The Act provides that a fee shall be paid by an applicant for naturalisation or registration and the fees are set out in a UK Statutory Instrument. Therefore, there is a legal obligation on the Lieutenant-Governor to charge the fees specified by the UK Regulations. Consequently, there is no power or necessity to have Jersey legislation for the collection of nationality fees.

Resource Implications

Jersey Customs & Immigration Service will need to liaise with the Law Draftsman to request the drafting of the amendment to the Immigration (Fees) (Jersey) Order 2022.

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