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Estonia

Introduction

If you submit an application for a European order for payment to a court in Estonia, you will have to pay the same state fee as if you were submitting a national application. State fees and other procedural costs are governed by the Code of Civil Procedure and the State Fees Act.

What fees are applicable?

When you submit your application, you will have to pay a state fee to cover the costs of the proceedings. In addition, you may have to bear the costs of serving procedural documents during the proceedings (costs in the range of 40-70 euros for using the assistance of a bailiff if the documents are served in Estonia, or translation costs if they are served abroad). There are no other costs.

How much shall I pay?

If you submit an application for a European order for payment to a court in Estonia, the state fee you will have to pay is the same as if you were submitting a national application, i.e. 3% of the total claim (the amount of money claimed, i.e. the sum of the principal and collateral claims), but not less than 65 euros. On changing from the expedited payment order procedure to an ordinary legal action, you will have to pay an additional state fee equivalent to the amount not covered by the state fee you paid when applying for the expedited payment order procedure. The size of the state fee you pay for an action depends on the amount of money you claim. For example, you will have to pay a state fee of 100 euros for a claim of up to 350 euros in an action, a state fee of 140 euros for a claim of 351-500 euros, a state fee of 175 euros for a claim of 501-750 euros, etc. (rates effective as at 16 May 2022).

What happens if I do not pay the court fees on time?

You must pay the state fee in advance when submitting an application. If you have not paid the state fee, the court will give you the opportunity to pay it by a deadline set by the court. If you do not pay the state fee by that deadline, the court will dismiss your application.

If you submit an application to change from the expedited payment order procedure to an action, the action will not be accepted until you have paid the additional state fee for the action.

How can I pay the court fees?

State fees can only be paid by bank transfer. Credit cards are not accepted. For all payments intended to be made to the courts, the payee is the Ministry of Finance.

On orders for payment intended for a state authority or a foundation established by the state, the Ministry of Finance must be indicated as the payee and the current account number must also be indicated.

Each authority has its own reference number, on the basis of which the Treasury will transfer the amount received to the account of the relevant authority in the e-State Treasury.

You can find more information on state fee accounts and the reference numbers of the courts on the [Estonian Courts website](#).

What shall I do after the payment?

You must provide the court with information confirming payment of the state fee, so that the court can verify receipt of the state fee. This information is as follows: the name of the person paying the state fee, details about the bank and the account into which the state fee was paid, the amount paid, and the date of payment. The court can verify receipt of the payment electronically, i.e. you do not need to submit the payment order confirming payment of the state fee. However, the court may ask for it, if necessary.

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