Court fees concerning Small Claims procedure

Estonia

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Introduction

If you submit an application to a court in Estonia in a European small claims procedure, 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. State fees and procedural costs to be paid to the court can only be paid by bank transfer.

What fees are applicable?

When you submit your application, you will have to pay a state fee to cover the costs of the proceedings. During the proceedings other procedural costs may also arise, such as the costs of serving procedural documents and interpretation or translation costs.

How much will I have to pay?

If you submit an application to a court in Estonia in the European small claims procedure, the state fee you will have to pay is the same as if you were submitting a national application. The size of the state fee depends on the amount of money you claim. For example, you will have to pay a state fee of €140 for a claim of €500, a state fee of €245 for a claim of €1 000, a state fee of €280 for a claim of €1 500, and a state fee of €315 for a claim of €2 000.

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.

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.

If you pay the state fee in advance, you must use the communication field of the payment order to indicate as precisely as possible the procedure for which you are paying the state fee. If you submit an application via the public e-File, you can pay the state fee in the same environment by using the online banking link. If the state fee is to be paid on the basis of a court judgment, it must be paid into the account referred to in the judgment and using the reference number indicated in the judgment.

You can find more information on state fee accounts and the reference numbers of the courts on the Estonian Courts website.

What do I have to do after making 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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