



Summary of an EMN Ad-Hoc Query No. 2018.1310

CZ EMN AHQ on Entering the address of the holder in his/her residence permit card

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Responses from: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, Norway (23 in total)

Note: the answers of Austria and Ireland are not for wider dissemination, hence their answers are not included in this summary

1. BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

The Czech Republic would like to reduce administrative burden and financial costs connected to a uniform format for residence permits for third-country nationals laid down by Council Regulation (EC) No 1030/2002.

So far responsible authorities of the Czech Republic enter the address of the holder on the reverse of his/her biometric card. A new card is therefore issued each time a third-country national changes his/her place of residence.

The Czech Republic considers the option to enter the address into a stamp mark printed in residence permit holders' passport instead.

Therefore, we would like to know the practice of other MSs.

2. QUESTIONS

1. Does your Member State enter the address of the holder in his/her residence permit card?

Yes / No.

2. If yes to Q1, do you issue a new card when its holder changes his/her address?

Yes / No.

3. If no to Q2, briefly describe your national practice, please.

3. MAIN FINDINGS/CONCLUSIONS

- 16 Member States do not enter (print) the address of the holder on his/her residence permit card (BE, BG, EE, FI, GR, HU, IT, LT, LU, LV, NL, NO, SE, UK).

Hungary reported that residence permits holders receive additional document which is an official address card. The card to be kept together with the residence permit card and presented to the empowered authority upon request. The same address card is issued to Hungarian nationals as well.

- 6 Member State enter the address on the residence permit card and issue a new one each time its holder changes his/her address (BG, CZ, ES, FR, ML, SK).

Germany enters the address on the residence permit card and if its holder changes his/her place of residence, the competent authority affixes a standardised tamper-proof address label on which the new address is printed over the old address. The address label is stamped with the authority's seal and covered with a protective foil.

Cyprus reported that only certain types of cards which it issues bear the address of its holder. In such cases, a new card is not issued when its holder changes his/her address.