

Important Update: Increase in Belgian Insurance Premium Tax from 1 July 2026

The Belgian government has approved an increase of the Insurance Premium Tax (IPT) applicable to most non-life insurance policies.

After a prolonged period of uncertainty, the legislative process has now been completed and the new tax rate has been officially confirmed.

What is changing?

Effective 1 July 2026, the Belgian Insurance Premium Tax will increase from 9.25% to 9.60% for most non-life insurance classes.

What does this mean in practice?

- Premiums and premium adjustments due on or after 1 July 2026 will be subject to the new IPT rate of 9.60%
- Premiums with a due date prior to 1 July 2026 remain subject to the current rate of 9.25%
- This change is imposed by Belgian legislation and applies across the entire Belgian insurance market

Example – Property Insurance

For a standard Belgian property insurance policy, the premium may consist of several components:

- Net premium
- 9.60% Insurance Premium Tax (new rate)
- 6.50% statutory contributions

As a result, taxes and contributions may represent a total charge of 16.10% on top of the net premium.

Consequently, the total premium payable by the insured may increase slightly compared to the current level.

Important information

- This change only affects the Insurance Premium Tax rate. Other statutory contributions remain unchanged
- The new rate will automatically apply to premiums falling due from 1 July 2026 onwards
- Any premium refunds should continue to be processed using the tax rate that applied to the original premium transaction

Should you require any additional information regarding the implementation of this legislative change or its impact on specific policies, please do not hesitate to contact us.