



EMN Ad-Hoc Query on Ad-Hoc-Query on national residence permits holders of Palestinian passports

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Residence

Responses from Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Sweden, United Kingdom, Norway (21 in total)

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Background information:

Ministry for Migration Policy in the framework of issuing residence permits in accordance with Regulation 1030/2002/EC, as amended by Regulation 380/2008/EC, and especially in case of third country nationals, who are holders of Palestinian passports or were born in Palestine, requests information on how are the relevant fields of the electronic residence permit filled in by other members - states.

Questions

1. 1 What do your competent national Authorities place in the fields of (a) nationality, (b) the three-letter code pertaining to the nationality (in the MRZ) and (c) the three – letter code pertaining to the country of the place of birth in the national residence permits issued for holders of Palestinian passports born in Palestine? 2 What do your national Authorities place in the field of the three – letter code pertaining to the country of the place of birth for those born in Jerusalem?

Responses

	Country	Wider Dissemination	Response
	Austria	Yes	1. 1. Aliens who possess a travel document issued by the Palestinian Authority, where no citizenship of another state (such as Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, etc.) is indicated, are considered “stateless” in Austria. In this sense the entry on the residence permits (Citizenship: Stateless) uses the code (XXA) for “stateless”. This is based on the fact that the “Territory of the Palestinian Authority” is not recognized as a sovereign state in the sense of international law. 2. The Austrian residence permit has only a field named “place of birth” where the place of birth of the alien is written out, but there is no field named “country of the place of birth” and therefore also no special codes to be indicated. Source: Ministry of the Interior
	Belgium	Yes	1. In Belgium, a distinction is made between three categories of persons for which (i) a specific code in the National Register of Natural Persons and (ii) a specific reference in documents are foreseen: 1. Palestinians who have been recognized as refugees: --> insert code 787 - from Palestinian origin --> mention "refugee" on document/card 2. Palestinians who have not been recognized as refugees and

			<p>who are coming from Palestinian territories (West Bank and Gaza) --> insert code 271 - Palestine --> mention "Palestine" on document/card 3. Palestinians who have not been recognized as refugees and who are not coming from Palestinian territories (e.g. Jordan, Lebanon...) --> insert code 902 - from Palestinian origin --> mention "from Palestinian origin" on document/card Source: Instructions for the maintenance of information in the National Register of Natural Persons, FPS Home Affairs, GD Institutions & Populations, National Register.</p>
	Bulgaria	Yes	<p>1. 1. If nationality is Jordan and place of birth is Palestina - MRZ code - JOR, if nationality is Palestina and place of birth is Palestina - MRZ code - PSE. 2. There is no specific code.</p>
	Croatia	Yes	<p>1. Data on the State of Birth and Citizenship of Foreigners and the Visual and Machine Ready (MRZ) Zone on an Electronic Residence Permit are printed solely as three-digits code of the state, which are defined by the international standard for ISO 3166. The three-digit country code, according to ISO 3166 for Palestine, is PSE. The three-digit code designation of the state of birth is printed in the visual zone in the date and place of birth field on the back of the electronic residence permit. The three-digit nationality stamp is printed in the visual zone in the field of Citizenship on the back of the residence permit, and the second row of machine readable zones.</p>
	Cyprus	Yes	<p>1. In all cases, the data registered on the electronic residence permits are based on the travel document provided by the applicant. Thus, if the nationality is Palestinian, the 3 letter code PSE is registered on the electronic residence permits (including the MRZ). Also, in all cases, in the field of the place of birth, the actual place of birth is registered as stated on the travel document. No coding is used for this field.</p>
	Czech Republic	Yes	<p>1. Following the instruction of the Czech Statistical Office, the Czech national authorities use letter code PS (PSE in case of three-letter code) for all holders of Palestinian passports asking for residence permits with no exceptions (as well for Palestinians born in Jerusalem).</p>
	Estonia	Yes	<p>1. 1) The three letter code PSE is used for a, b and c. 2) ISR</p>

	Finland	Yes	1. 1. a) The nationality of a person holding a Palestinian travel document or claiming to be Palestinian is initially registered as “Not known”. After the Nationality Unit of the Finnish Immigration Service Persons has determined the person’s citizenship status as Palestinian, the nationality is registered as “Stateless”. b) The three-letter code indicating that the person’s nationality is registered as Stateless is XXA. c) According to the current practice of the Finnish Immigration Service, for persons born in Palestinian Territories the three-letter code indicating the country of birth is ISR (Israel). 2. Also for those born in Jerusalem the three-letter code indicating the country of birth is ISR (Israel).
	France	Yes	1. 1-a) Palestinian b) ZPA France has recognized the Palestinian territories and mentions in the residence permits the country of birth, the nationality and the place of birth. Only the nationality has a 3 code letter. The place of birth is written in full.
	Germany	Yes	1. 1. The entry is at a) XXX, at b) XXX and at c) place of birth without indication of the state. 2. As follows from the answer to question 1c), only the birthplace of Jerusalem is entered without indicating the state.
	Hungary	Yes	1. The immigration authorities use 'Palestinian' in the files of nationality (a), the three-letter code can be PSE, XXP or XXY (b). We do not use any three-letter code pertaining to the country of the place of birth on residence permits (c), 2.
	Ireland	No	
	Latvia	Yes	1. 1. PSE in all three cases according to ISO 3166-1; 2. For those whose place of birth is Jerusalem, Latvia would use the code --- (unknown).
	Lithuania	Yes	1. 1. Residence permits are issued based on the travel document provided by the applicant. Therefore: a) PALESTINIAN (PALESTINOS in Lithuanian), b) PSE, c) PALESTINE (PALESTINA in Lithuanian) - place of birth is recorded in full name - not by three-letter code. 2.

			There were no such cases in practice, but the general rule is that the records of the residence permits are made based on the submitted travel documents.
	Luxembourg	Yes	1. 1. (a) apatride (stateless) (b)XXA (c) XXP 2. Palestina
	Netherlands	Yes	1. 1a) Stateless b) XXA c) PSE 2. ISR
	Portugal	Yes	1. PT follows the nationality of the travel document presented, which means the use of the three – letter code pertaining to the country of the passport presented. The residence permit is not a standalone document; it should be presented with the passport for control purposes. Also the place of birth may or not correspond to the country of the passport presented. In the questioned example, a residence permit issued for holders of Palestinian passports, the three – letter code will be PAL regardless of the place of birth. If a citizen presents an Israeli passport with the place of birth in Jerusalem, the three – letter code in the residence permit will be ISR . So, once again PT follows the recommendation of Doc 9303 of ICAO regarding ID1 documents: the three – letter code pertaining to the country of the travel document presented by the holder, is the same on the MRZ of the residence permit.
	Slovak Republic	Yes	1. 1. Residence cards are issued to third-country nationals according to the Act on Residence of Aliens. In case of Palestinian nationals, Palestinian passport holders, the residence cards have the same data as the ones which are stated in the application for a residence card which have to be in accordance with the data stated in their travel document. If Palestine is stated, the three-letter code is PSE. 2. Similarly as in no.1, persons born in Jerusalem have in their residence cards the same data as the ones which are stated in their application for the residence card which have to be in accordance with the data in their travel document. Note: application for a residence card includes both the place and the state of birth.
	Sweden	Yes	1. 1a. Staten Palestina (The Palestinian state) - in a judicial position by the Director of Legal Affairs at the Swedish Migration Agency it is stated that: persons that make it probable that they are

			<p>registered in the West Bank, Gaza or Eastern Jerusalem can be registered as citizens of Palestine. To be in possession of a Palestinian passport with ID-number or Palestinian ID-card issued by the Palestinian authorities is normally a proof of citizenship. Children born in Sweden with one parent who is a citizen of Palestine should also be registered as citizen of Palestine. 1b. PSE 1c. PSE 2. PSE (not only for those born in Jerusalem but generally for those registered as citizens of Palestine, see question 1a)</p>
	United Kingdom	Yes	<p>1. (a) Palestinian. The UK uses the code PSE for all Palestinians.</p>
	Norway	Yes	<p>1. 1. a. Nationality: Stateless b. Nation code in MRZ: XXX c. Country code place of birth: PSE Persons with passports issued by Palestinian authorities documented as genuine/ true (after examination by a document specialist), are registered with the country code PSE, otherwise XXX. When it comes to persons born in Jerusalem, no special country code is issued. 2. All children are registered together with their mother: if mother is registered with PSE code, the child will also be registered with PSE code, as long as the child is not an unaccompanied minor. Regardless of the place of birth, if given, that place will be registered in our systems upon arrival and used for residence permits issued in Norway.</p>