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# **Immigration Fees Will Go Up, Director Says**

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The fees that immigrants pay for citizenship and permanent residency petitions will increase as officials try to prevent more backlogs in the system, said the director of the nation's immigration service, Emilio T. Gonzalez, left. The amount of the increases is still being determined, Mr. Gonzalez said, but it is expected to be significant. "We're a business," he said on a visit to Dallas. "We're not allowed to be deficient." Currently, immigrants applying for citizenship pay \$330 or \$325 for permanent residency documentation known as a green card. Applicants also pay a \$70 fingerprinting fee. They could see the new prices for immigration petitions by April, Mr. Gonzalez said.