



Immigration News Highlights

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The KPMG team regularly monitors recent developments across the globe in the Immigration space and publishes them as Immigration News Highlights. Please find the key developments that occurred over the last week enumerated below. [Click here to find all issues of the Immigration News Highlights on the GMS Flash Alert: Immigration page.](#)



Canada

[Canada Express Entry draws resume for immigrants](#)

The Canadian Express Entry draws resumed on 6 July 2022. The draws were previously halted in December 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more.](#)

Costa Rica

[Costa Rica Officially Launches New Digital Nomad Visa with Simple Process](#)

Costa Rican authorities have finalized the plans for introduction of the Digital Nomad Visa. Foreign nationals having a monthly income of USD 3,000 (for single applicants) or USD 4,000 (for applicants with dependents) will be able to obtain a one-year remote work permit. The visa-holders must obtain a health insurance for themselves and their dependents. Further, these visa-holders will be exempt from local income taxes. [Read more.](#)

United States

[Visa Bulletin for August 2022](#)

The State Department published the August Visa Bulletin. There was no movement in the EB-1 and EB-2 categories. China and India advanced by one month in the EB-3 category while rest of the countries remained current. [Read more.](#)

United States

[Prevailing Wage Determination Processing Times](#)

The Labor Department updated the processing times for permanent labor certification (PERM) applications and prevailing wage determination (PWD) requests. As of June 30, the PERM processing times were 204 days for adjudication and 279 days for audit review. While the National Prevailing Wage Center was processing PWD request files in December. [Read more.](#)



Australia

[Entering and leaving Australia](#)

On 6 July 2022, the Australian Government relaxed the COVID-19 entry requirements for all travelers. Travelers are no longer required to present their vaccination status or complete the Digital Passenger Declaration while entering the country. Travelers holding a valid visa no longer need a travel exemption to enter the country. Further, travelers leaving Australia are no longer required to show their vaccination status. [Read more](#)

Cambodia

[Cambodia goes head-on with Thailand in implementing 10-year golden visa](#)

Cambodia launched a 'My 2nd Home' programme which will allow foreign investors who invest at least USD 100,000 in Cambodia and own a real estate project in the country to obtain a golden visa for 10 years. [Read more](#)

Hong Kong

[Hong Kong plans pre-clearance Chinese customs, immigration](#)

Hong Kong plans to introduce pre-clearance Chinese customs and immigration to facilitate travel to China. The measure would allow travelers from Hong Kong to arrive in China as domestic passengers. [Read more](#)

Israel

[Israel, US sign last agreement for Visa Waiver Program](#)

Israel and the US signed the last agreement for the Visa Waiver Program between the countries. The agreement will enter into force after additional legislations have been passed in the Knesset. The Visa Waiver Program will allow Israeli citizens to enter the US visa-free for a short-term visit. [Read more](#)

Israel

[Israel Launches Visa Application Platform for Moroccan Travelers](#)

Israel launched a website to receive visa applications from Moroccan travelers. The website provides all necessary guideline to help Moroccan travelers with documentation for obtaining an Israeli visa. [Read more](#)

Kazakhstan

[Kazakhstan Establishes Visa-Free Regime for Citizens of India, Iran, and China](#)

Kazakhstan introduced a unilateral visa-free regime for travelers coming from India, Iran, and China. The regime allows citizens of these countries to stay in Kazakhstan for up to 14 days. [Read more](#)

New Zealand

[New Zealand raises age limit of working holiday visa from 30 to 60](#)

New Zealand expanded the scope of the Youth Mobility and Working Holiday schemes, increasing the age limit from 30 years to 36 years. [Read more](#)

Taiwan

[Effective immediately, cap of arrivals allowed per week increased to 40,000, starting July 14, R.O.C. nationals, ARC holders, transit passengers to be exempt from providing PCR test results within two days of their flight](#)

On 7 July 2022, the Central Epidemic Command Center (CECC) increased the total number of arrivals allowed each week into the country to 40,000. [Read more](#)



Europe and Africa

Denmark

[Denmark Publishes New List of Labor Shortage for Highly Educated & Skilled Foreign Workers](#)

The Danish Agency for International Recruitment and Integration (SIRI) announced a new Positive List for highly educated and for skilled workers. The lists became effective from 1 July 2022 and will be in force until 31 December 2022. The positive lists represent the professions facing a labor shortage in Denmark. People who have been offered a job in one of the professions listed in the list can apply for a Danish residence and work permit. [Read more](#)

Germany

[Germany Plans to Simplify Immigration Rules to Combat Labor Shortage](#)

The German government plans to simplify the process of recruiting foreign workers in the country to combat labor shortage, especially in the hospitality sector. The Government is expected to ease legislations for recruitment of workers. [Read more](#)

Greece

[Greece Announces New Rules for Tourists Infected With COVID](#)

The Greek authorities established that tourist who test positive for the COVID-19 virus will not be required to observe a mandatory quarantine. Infected travelers will still be able to access various modes of transportation provided they wear a face mask throughout. [Read more](#)

Luxembourg

[Luxembourg Prolongs Existing COVID Entry Restrictions Until the End of September](#)

Luxembourg extended the COVID-19 entry restrictions until 30 September 2022. Thus, all third-country nationals coming outside of the EU will be subject to travel restrictions. The measure aims to control virus outbreaks in the country. [Read more](#)

Malta

[Egypt requests creation of legal migration channels to Malta](#)

Malta and Egypt plan to create legal migration channels for Egyptian citizens. [Read more](#)

Netherlands

[Required amounts income requirements](#)

The government of the Netherlands increased the income requirements for sponsoring a residence permit issued to family members. The minimum income for a spouse partner must be EUR 1,756.2 each month without holiday income and EUR 1,896.70 per month with holiday income. While the income requirement for a single parent will be EUR 1,229.3 per month without holiday income and EUR 1,327.69 per month with holiday income. [Read more](#)

Turkey

[Turkey Removes Nigeria from List Of e-Visa Countries](#)

Turkey removed Nigeria from list of countries whose citizens can use the e-Visa facilities. The measure was taken citing security concerns. [Read more](#)



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