



Immigration News Highlights

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Bahamas

[Govt to change COVID-19 entry requirements for cruise passengers](#)

The government of Bahamas plans to change the entry protocols for passengers arriving through cruise ships to make it in line with protocols followed for passengers arriving through air. Currently, all passengers arriving through cruise ships must be fully vaccinated. [Read more.](#)

Cayman Islands

[Cayman Islands Lifts Remaining COVID-Related Travel Restrictions](#)

The Cayman Islands' government will lift the COVID-19 related entry restrictions from 24 August 2022. Thus, all travelers will be able to enter the country without providing any additional health-related documentation and applying for a travel authorization certificate. [Read more.](#)

Chile

[Chile To Relax Covid Entry Restrictions on September 1](#)

From 1 September 2022, travelers will no longer be required to fill a travel affidavit form or get a mobility pass before entering Chile. However, unvaccinated travelers must take a RT-PCR test within 48 hours of departure to Chile. [Read more.](#)

Costa Rica

[Costa Rica establishes new entry requirements for foreigners](#)

On 16 August 2022, Costa Rica implemented new rules to allow for more flexibility for foreigners to enter the country. The new rules generally concern travelers coming from Colombia, Nicaragua, and Venezuela. [Read more.](#)

Peru

[Peru sets up program to expel foreigners 'who misbehave'](#)

Peru announced implementation of a new program which will expel the migrants having an unlawful conduct in the country. [Read more.](#)

United States

[ICE issues notice of proposed rulemaking, seeks public comment on employment eligibility verification options](#)

The US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) proposed creation of a framework to authorize alternative options for document examination procedures for the employment eligibility verification for the Form I-9. [Read more.](#)

China**[China eases visa ban in boost to Indian students](#)**

On 22 August 2022, China announced that Indian students will be able to apply for visas to resume their studies. The visas were previously suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more](#)

China**[Entry rules relaxed for more non-resident foreigners coming from mainland China](#)**

Travelers coming from China can enter Macao without applying for entry before. The measure covers foreign workers holding a valid Chinese residence permit. [Read more](#)

New Zealand**[New Zealand to Temporarily Boost Worker Intake, Change Immigration Rules](#)**

New Zealand plans to make temporary changes to immigration rules to attract 12,000 foreign workers over the next year under a working holiday scheme. Further, the New Zealand government will extend the working holiday visas by 6 months for holders who are already in New Zealand with visas expiring between 26 August 2022 and 31 May 2023. [Read more](#)

Qatar**[Qatar, South Korea agree on mutual visa exemption](#)**

On 17 August 2022, Qatar and South Korea signed a visa exemption agreement for citizens of the two countries. The agreement will allow passport holders of Qatar and South Korea to enter the other country visa-free for up to 90 days. [Read more](#)

Sri Lanka**[Notice Regarding Adjustments in Chinese Visa Application Procedures](#)**

The Chinese Embassy in Sri Lanka adjusted the scope of accepted visa application and its procedures. The new rules pertain to new requirements, scope of accepted applicants, documents required, and processing times. These rules will apply from 24 August 2022. [Read more](#)

Taiwan**[Effective from September 1, 3+4 quarantine policy to remain in place for arrivals; one person per room rule to be adopted during four days of self-initiated epidemic prevention](#)**

From 1 September 2022, all arrivals must observe a three-day quarantine followed by a four-day period of self-initiated epidemic prevention to avoid spreading or catching the virus. [Read more](#)

Taiwan**['One-stop' service for new migrant domestic workers to begin next year](#)**

Taiwan's Ministry of Labor stated that country will start the one-stop service for newly arrived migrant domestic workers from 1 January 2023. The service will replace the 30-minute orientation given to newly arrived migrant domestic workers about the rules and regulations in Taiwan. [Read more](#)

Thailand**[Thailand plans to launch 10-year visa to attract foreign experts](#)**

Thailand plans to launch a new 10-year golden visa intending to attract foreign experts in the country. The scheme will offer work visas across four categories and mainly aims to attract travelers working in the technology sectors and digital nomads. All applicants must have at least USD 1 million in assets and an annual income of at least USD 80,000. Applications for the scheme will open from 1 September 2022. [Read more](#)

**United Arab
Emirates****[Dubai loosens COVID-19 entry rules for unvaccinated teens](#)**

Unvaccinated travelers between the ages of 13 and 16 are no longer required to take a RT-PCR test before entering the country. Thus, all unvaccinated travelers above the age of 16 must take a pre-entry RT-PCR test. [Read more](#)

Egypt**[Egypt introduces conditional on-arrival visa for Bangladeshis](#)**

The Egyptian government introduced visa on-arrival for Bangladeshi citizens provided they hold valid used visas or residence permits from any country that has visa on-arrival agreement with Egypt like Japan, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the United States, the United Kingdom, or any country in the Schengen Area. [Read more](#)

France**[France Relaxes Advisory on Travel to Sri Lanka](#)**

The French government eased the travel advisory for Sri Lanka advising its citizens to be cautious and to exercise vigilance throughout their trip to Sri Lanka. [Read more](#)

Germany**[Indonesia settles passport trouble with Germany](#)**

The German embassy in Jakarta will consider Indonesian passports with add-on signatures as valid for visa applications. German officials earlier refused to recognize the Indonesian passports without a signature place holder. [Read more](#)

Lithuania**[Lithuania Eases Employment Conditions for Foreigners](#)**

The Lithuanian authorities implemented the law on the legal status of foreigners which aims to simplify the employment conditions for nationals of other countries. The Law eased the conditions for issuing temporary residence permits for all foreign workers. [Read more](#)

Netherlands**[Netherlands Introduces Long-Term Visas for Turkish Nationals That Were Previously Exempt](#)**

From 1 October 2022, Turkish citizens will be required to apply for a long-term visa if they plan to stay in the Netherlands for more than 90 days. Currently, highly skilled workers, entrepreneurs, and family unification seekers from Turkey are exempt from obtaining a long-term entry visa. [Read more](#)



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