



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.](#)



Americas

United States

[Visa Bulletin for October 2022](#)

The State Department release the October Visa Bulletin. All countries under EB-1 category remained current. Under the EB-2 category showing retrogression by two and a half years in India under the EB-2 category while China advanced by more than two months. Under the EB-3 category, China advanced by two months while India advanced by four months. [Read more.](#)



Asia Pacific

Australia

[Australia's significant investor visa set to be scrapped under migration changes](#)

Australian authorities announced the likely scrapping of the significant investor visa program. Under this program, visas were granted to those who invested at least AUD5 million in Australia. [Read more](#)

Australia

[Australia Offers 6 Years Work Visa for International Students](#)

Australia announced the extension of post-study work rights for international students holding graduate degrees. This announcement was made in relation to the ongoing workforce shortage faced by Australia. No specification has been made about which degrees shall be chosen for this extension. [Read more](#)

Hong Kong

[Hong Kong Further Eases Entry Restrictions](#)

Hong Kong announced further easing of COVID related entry restrictions to the country, ending temperature checks at its airports and relaxing quarantine requirements for air crews. Further, locally based crews on overseas commercial flights are permitted to leave the airport after observing a quarantine for three days and presenting a negative COVID-19 test. [Read more](#)

Japan

[Japan To Waive Tourist Visa Requirements As Part of Travel Boost](#)

The Japanese government is planning to waive tourist visa requirements for some countries, along with further easing COVID related border controls to boost the tourism in the country. [Read more](#)

Kazakhstan**[Kazakhstan to Introduce Valuable Skills Visa As Part of New Migration Policy Concept](#)**

Kazakhstan announced the launch of new visa categories like valuable skills visa, scientific and educational visas as a measure to attract foreign specialists. These new visas shall be introduced under the new migration policy which is currently being developed by the Kazakh Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of the Population to attract skilled foreign workers into the country. [Read more](#)

Qatar**[Entry requirements eased](#)**

Qatari authorities announced the easing of COVID related entry restrictions. Foreign arrivals will no longer be required to quarantine upon arrival; however, they must still show proof of a negative PCR test taken within 48 hours before departure from origin country. [Read more](#)

South Korea**[Travelers entering Jeju Island required to apply for K-ETA](#)**

The South Korean government announced that foreign arrivals from visa-waiver countries will be required to obtain Korea Electronic Travel Authorization (K-ETA) before traveling to Jeju Island. [Read more](#)

Taiwan**[Taiwan suspends visa-free entry of Filipinos](#)**

Taiwanese authorities announced that Filipinos will not yet be eligible for visa-free entry to the island. The reason behind the suspension is not yet clear. [Read more](#)

**Europe and Africa****Denmark****[Denmark to End Temporary Suspension of Working Holiday Agreement with Argentina on October 1](#)**

The Danish Ministry of Immigration and Integration announced termination of the temporary suspension of the Working Holiday Agreement with Argentina from October 1, 2022. Thus, Argentinian citizens will be able to apply for a residence permit under the Working Holiday Scheme if they meet the required criterion. [Read more](#)

Finland**[Finland Planning to Increase Flexibility When Issuing Residence Permits](#)**

The Ministry of Interior of Finland proposed an amendment for increasing flexibility regarding travel document residence for issuing residence permits. The amendment will allow the Finnish authorities to issue residence permits as well as foreigners' passports to applicants who do not possess one of the travel documents required for obtaining a residence permit. [Read more](#)

Germany**[Germany to grant citizenship to foreigners in just three years](#)**

Germany plans to revamp the immigration system under which well-integrated foreigners will be granted citizenships in three years. The measure aims to address the labor shortage in the country. [Read more](#)

Norway**[Norway to Close Its Embassies in Slovakia, Sri Lanka & Kosovo in 2023](#)**

The Norwegian government announced closing of Norwegian embassies in Slovakia, Sri Lanka, and Kosovo in 2023. [Read more](#)

Poland**[Poland to Introduce New National Visa Rules for Foreigners from Belarus & Ukraine Residing in the Country](#)**

From 7 September 2022, a new model application form will be introduced for obtaining a national visa. Belarusian citizens who need a humanitarian visa or need to work as a driver in international road transport can apply for a visa in Poland. Additionally, Ukrainian citizens applying for a work visa to drive in international road transport or to pilot civilian aircrafts can apply for a visa in Poland. [Read more](#)

Poland

[Poland Imposes Visa Obligation for Armenian Travelers Transiting the Country](#)

Armenian passport holders will now need to obtain a transit visa while passing through any of Poland's airport to catch a connecting flight to a non-Schengen area destination country. [Read more](#)

Slovakia

[Slovak Diplomatic & Service Passport Holders Can Now Travel to Oman Without a Visa](#)

From 7 September 2022, holders of Slovak special diplomatic, special, and service passports can enter Oman without obtaining a visa. [Read more](#)

South Africa

[Home affairs has dropped central adjudication of visas, after months of complaints](#)

On 1 September 2022, South Africa dropped adjudications of long-term visas due to processing delays. [Read more](#)

Turkey

[Turkey & Bosnia & Herzegovina Agree on Passport-Free Travel](#)

Turkey and Bosnia and Herzegovina reached an agreement that will permit citizens of both countries to enter the other country without being required to hold or present a passport. [Read more](#)



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