



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

Canada

[Canada to move permanent residence application process online](#)

The Canadian government announced that from 23 September 2022, the process for application for permanent citizenship shall be conducted online, over the Permanent Residence Portal. [Read more.](#)

United States

[Availability of 200,000 employment-based Green Cards projected for the upcoming year](#)

The USCIS estimated that about 200,000 Green Cards will be available for the fiscal year of 2023. [Read more.](#)

United States

[US Golden Visa undergoes positive changes, ensures easier immigration process](#)

The American authorities have made changes to the process of obtaining a Green Card under the US EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program. The changes are aimed at increasing transparency and security for applicants under the program. [Read more.](#)



Asia Pacific

China

[China to Ease Entry Restrictions for Some International Tourists](#)

Chinese authorities proposed a change in COVID related entry rules for foreign visitors that are part of tour groups organized by travel agencies, making their entry into the country easier. However, no details were provided regarding specific locations or dates. [Read more](#)

Indonesia

[Indonesia has officially approved digital nomad visas](#)

The Indonesian government announced the approval of digital nomad visas, allowing foreign workers possessing the B211 A visa to work in the country for up to six months, without paying tax. [Read more](#)

Japan

[Japan Set to Welcome Unrestricted Tourism by October](#)

The Japanese government has announced the complete abolishment of COVID related entry restrictions, fully opening its borders to foreign travelers. This decision was taken to boost the Japanese tourism economy. [Read more](#)

Malaysia**[Malaysia launches DE Rantau Nomad Pass to attract digital nomads](#)**

Malaysia launched the DE Rantau program, aimed at attracting digital nomad professionals and tourists to the country. Under the program, foreigners will be allowed to stay in Malaysia for a period of 12 months. [Read more](#)

Oman**[Renewed visa stamping on passports not mandatory](#)**

The Royal Oman Police announced that foreign visitors will no longer be required the stamp their renewed visas on passports. Instead, obtaining a resident card would be enough. This announcement was made to clarify the confusion around online renewal of visas. [Read more](#)

Singapore**[Vaccination requirements for certain work pass applicants to be changed](#)**

The Singapore authorities updated the existing COVID vaccination requirements for those wishing to apply for, or renew, their Ministry of Manpower passes. The new rules shall be applicable from 1 October 2022. [Read more](#)

**Europe and Africa****France****[Macron scraps plans for compulsory French language tests in favor of 'immigration debate'](#)**

The French President announced the scrapping of a previously proposed law of making the French language test mandatory to obtain the Carte de Séjour residency card for applicants. [Read more](#)

Germany**[Obligation to declare cash when travelling to or from Germany](#)**

Foreign travelers will now be required to declare cash sums exceeding EUR10,000 to the customs authorities while on trips to and from Germany. This shall be applicable to both cash and cash equivalents. [Read more](#)

Ireland**[Employment permits to be issued electronically](#)**

The Irish government announced that from September 2022, employment permits shall permanently be issued online, instead of hard copies. [Read more](#)

Italy**[Italian Consulate in Morocco Suspends Family Reunification Appointments](#)**

The Italian embassy in Morocco announced the suspension of family reunification appointments for the next two weeks, beginning 13 September 2022. This decision was taken to make technical changes to the platform used for booking the appointments. [Read more](#)

Netherlands**[Netherlands Has Finally Removed All COVID-19 Travel Restrictions](#)**

On 19 September 2022, the Dutch authorities announced the scrapping of all remaining COVID related entry restrictions for foreign travelers wishing to enter the country, including for those belonging to non-EU countries. [Read more](#)

Russia**[Russia prepares to ease visa rules for foreigners](#)**

Russia plans to simplify the process of delivering visas to foreign nationals by introducing a special website specifically for this purpose and updating other digital relevant means for the same. [Read more](#)

Spain**[Spain Extends COVID Entry Restrictions for Third Country Travelers Until 15 November](#)**

The Spanish Ministry of Health announced the extension of COVID related entry restrictions for travelers from third countries, including the UK. Arrivals will be required to present COVID-19 proof of vaccination or a negative test taken before 72 hours before the entry or a recovery certificate, to be eligible for restriction-free entry into the country. [Read more](#)

Turkey

[Turkey Cancels Visa-Free Travel for Turkmen Citizens at Ashgabat's Request](#)

Turkish authorities have cancelled visa-free travel for citizens of Turkmenistan. This has been done to improve the systems of regulating the stays of Turkmen citizens in Turkey. [Read more](#)



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