



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

[International Students To Help Address Canada's Labour Shortage](#)

The Canadian government lifted the maximum off-campus work limit of 20 hours. From 15 November 2022, onwards, study permit holders in Canada with an off-campus work authorization will be allowed to work more than 20 hours a week. [Read more.](#)

Mexico

[Changes To The Immigration Process Introduced](#)

Mexican immigration authorities (INM) introduced a pilot project at select airports, wherein the travelers' passports will be stamped with the duration of stay, instead of the previous process of issuing a *Forma Migratoria Multiple (FMM)*. [Read more.](#)

United States

[November Bulletin Released By The US State Department](#)

The November Bulletin released by the US State Department shows no movement in EB-1, EB-2 and EB-3 employment based visa categories, with all countries remaining at current stage for the next month. [Read more.](#)

United States

[USCIS Updates Military Naturalization Guidance For Calixto Class Members](#)

The USCIS published an updated guidance, according to which Calixto class members applying for military naturalization shall be eligible for the same even before attending initial entry training under Section 329 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). [Read more.](#)



Asia Pacific

Israel

[Israel Further Eases Covid-19 Entry Requirements](#)

Israeli authorities announced further easing of COVID-related entry restrictions for foreign arrivals. Travelers will no longer be required to fill and submit an entry form or present a certificate of vaccination and COVID-negativity prior to arrival. [Read more](#)

Kazakhstan

[Kazakhstan offers 14 days of visa-free travel to Indian tourists](#)

Kazakhstan announced launch of a 14-day visa-free travel for Indian citizens to increase the number of tourists in the country. Kazakhstan also plans to open a consulate in Mumbai. [Read more](#)

Oman

[MOH changes procedures for expat visa medical examinations](#)

Oman's Ministry of Health announced the cancellation of the medical examination fee of charged to obtaining residency for expatriates at private health care institutions. Under the new amendments, expatriates would submit a fee of OR 30 through *Sanad* offices after which they can undergo medical examinations in authorized private centers without paying any fees. [Read more](#)

Qatar

[Qatar To Open an Embassy In Czechia](#)

The government of Qatar announced their plans to open an embassy in Czech Republic, in response to the Czech diplomatic mission in Doha established at the beginning of 2022. [Read more](#)



Europe and Africa

Italy

[Italy Extends Deadline For Converting Residence Permits Until December 2022](#)

The Italian government extended the deadline to convert residence permits into work permits from 30 September, 2022 to 31 December, 2022. The deadline was extended to allow skilled international workers with residence permits, who have completed their education and training in their countries of origin to apply for the conversion. [Read more](#)

Italy

[Italy Opens Its Embassy In Tobruk For Libyan Citizens](#)

Italian authorities confirmed the opening of an Italian embassy in the city of Tobruk in Libya. Libyan nationals will now be able to apply for Italian Schengen visas from the new embassy in Tobruk, along with the existing one in Tripoli. [Read more](#)

Portugal

[Portugal To Launch Digital Nomad Visa For Foreigners](#)

The government of Portugal announced their plans to introduce a digital nomad visa. The work visa will permit foreigners to live in the country for up to a year, and work for companies that are located outside Portugal. [Read more](#)

Portugal

[Citizens Of United Kingdom Can Now Hold New Residency Card In Porto](#)

The Portuguese Minister of Internal Admission announced that British citizens living in the city of Porto are now eligible for a post-Brexit residence card, to be available at the Foreigners and Borders Service (SEF) service desk for Britons. [Read more](#)



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