



# 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.



## Costa Rica

### [Costa Rica Removes Vaccine Passports and Remaining Entry Requirements](#)

From 1 April 2022, Costa Rica will remove nation's vaccine passport scheme and lift entry requirements for all travelers. [Read more.](#)

## United States

### [Extension of Temporary Measure Allowing Return Travel to the United States on Expired U.S. Passport](#)

US citizens out of the country whose passports expired on or after 1 January 2020, may enter the US with an expired passport until 30 June 2022. The measure was taken considering the difficulties created by the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more.](#)

## United States

### [DHS To End COVID-19 Temporary Policy for Expired List B Identity Documents](#)

DHS will end the COVID-19 Temporary Policy for List B Identity Documents. Thus, from 1 May 2022, employers will no longer be able to accept expired List B documents. The Policy was established in response to the difficulties many individuals experienced with renewing documents during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more.](#)

## United States

### [Hawaii lifts pandemic travel restrictions for U.S. visitors](#)

Hawaii lifted its pandemic travel restrictions for presenting a negative COVID-19 test, proof of vaccination, or observing a quarantine period. [Read more.](#)



## Cambodia

### [Cambodia, Indonesia drops COVID-19 testing for vaccinated visitors](#)

Cambodia announced new measures to ease COVID-19 entry restrictions for foreign travelers. Fully vaccinated travelers entering the country no longer need to present a negative RT-PCT test taken within 72 hours of entry nor take a post-entry antigen test. [Read more](#)

## Fiji

### [Quarantine period removed in Fiji to attract more foreign visitors](#)

From 7 April 2022, fully vaccinated travelers can enter Fiji without observing a three-day post-entry mandatory quarantine. Inbound travelers only need to take a Rapid Antigen Test within 24 hours of arrival. [Read more](#)

**Indonesia****No more quarantine for air travelers arriving in Indonesia as Covid-19 cases fall**

From 23 March 2022, all international air travelers arriving in Indonesia no longer have to observe a mandatory quarantine post-arrival. The measure was taken considering decreasing number of COVID-19 cases in the country. However, travelers are still required to take a post-arrival COVID-19 test. [Read more](#)

**Iran****Iran to offer visas for startups**

Iran is offering a visa aimed at attracting foreign investment and innovation to Iran. The visa is offered to innovators and startup managers who want to pursue investment opportunities in the country. Individuals who receive this visa will be allowed to stay in the country for three to six months and will then be eligible for residency. [Read more](#)

**Oman****Oman, Bangladesh sign agreement on mutual visa waiver**

Oman and Bangladesh signed a mutual visa waiver agreement for holders of diplomatic, official, special, and service passports. [Read more](#)

**Philippines****Entry restrictions for foreign travelers relaxed starting April 1**

From 1 April 2022, foreign travelers can enter the Philippines without an entry exemption document (EED). Foreign travelers must present a proof of vaccination and a negative RT-PCT test taken 48 hours before arrival, or an antigen test taken 24 hours before arrival. [Read more](#)

**Saudi Arabia****Saudi Arabia reopens visa on arrival for US, UK, and Schengen visa holders**

The Saudi Arabian government reopened its visa-on-arrival programs for passport holders from the US, the UK, and the Schengen area. Visitors holding these passports must have used it at least once to enter the issuing country or region to qualify for a visa on arrival in Saudi. Additionally, these travelers are required to purchase a COVID-19 insurance. [Read more](#)

**Saudi Arabia****'Unvaccinated travelers can enter Saudi Arabia after health ministry updates COVID-19 requirements**

The Saudi health ministry abolished the key COVID-19 travel requirements for those entering the Kingdom. Travelers coming to the country need not show a proof of vaccination against COVID-19 or take a PCR test before departure for the Kingdom and quarantine post-arrival. [Read more](#)

**Singapore****Singapore to lift quarantine for vaccinated arrivals**

From 1 April 2022, Singapore will end quarantine requirements for all vaccinated travelers. The measure was taken considering the vaccination rate in the country and declining COVID cases. [Read more](#)

**Singapore****Shift to Vaccinated Travel Framework for Sea**

From 1 April 2022, Singapore will replace Vaccinated Travel Lane arrangements via sea (VTL (Sea)) by the Vaccinated Travel Framework. Under the Framework, all vaccinated travelers arriving in Singapore via sea from any country classified under General Travel will enjoy quarantine-free travel. There will no longer be any designated VTL (Sea) ferry services, and the weekly quota under VTL (Sea) ferry services will also be lifted. [Read more](#)

**Taiwan****Dependents of foreign teachers can apply for entry to Taiwan**

Taiwan's Ministry of Education (MOE) informed schools that spouses and children of foreign teachers with valid work permits or residence certificates for more than six months can now apply for dependent visas. Further, MOE stated that spouses and minor children of foreign teachers who have obtained valid work permits, or Alien Resident Certificates (ARCs) can apply for dependent visas. [Read more](#)

**Vietnam****Vietnam joins the Australian Agriculture Visa Program**

Australia signed first bilateral Memorandum of Understanding under the Australian Agriculture Visa Program with Vietnam. The Program allows employment opportunities in range of agriculture sectors, including horticulture, dairy, wool, grains, fisheries, and forestry, including support services and primary processing. [Read more](#)



**Bulgaria****[Bulgaria ends 'golden passports' scheme](#)**

Bulgaria abolished its 'golden passport scheme' which allowed foreigners to acquire residency if they invested EUR 500,000 in Bulgaria and to acquire citizenship if they invested EUR 1,000,000 in the country. The scheme was abolished citing security and corruption concerns. [Read more](#)

**European Union****[EU Parliament Approves Modifications to EU-Brazil Visa Waiver Agreements](#)**

The European Parliament approved technical amendments to the short-stay visa waiver agreement between the European Union and Brazil. An amending agreement was reached for a short-stay visa waiver for those who hold an ordinary passport and well as for those who hold diplomatic, service, or official passports. A 90-day short stay will be allowed within a period of 180 days. [Read more](#)

**Ghana****[Ghana ends all COVID-19 restrictions, re-opens land and sea borders](#)**

From 28 March 2022, all vaccinated travelers can enter Ghana, without presenting a negative pre-entry COVID-19 test. [Read more](#)

**Latvia****[Latvia to Lift Entry Rules for Travelers From EU/Schengen Area & UK on April 1](#)**

Latvia will abolish entry rules for travelers coming from the European Union and the UK from 1 April 2022. Travelers coming from these countries will no longer need to present a vaccination, recovery, or test certificate. [Read more](#)

**Malta****[Standards for quarantine of travelers entering the Maltese Islands](#)**

Malta issued a release stating the pre-entry requirements to be followed by incoming travelers. The release stated list of valid vaccines, quarantine requirements, and pre-entry testing requirements. [Read more](#)

**Netherlands****[Netherlands Lifts Quarantine Requirement for Non-EU Travelers Today](#)**

From 25 March 2022, all travelers reaching the Netherlands from non-EU high-risk areas are no longer expected to follow self-isolation quarantine rules post arrival. However, these travelers must fill a pre-entry form and present a vaccine or a recovery certificate. [Read more](#)

**South Africa****[Travel industry welcomes removal of PCR test requirements at South Africa's borders](#)**

On 22 March 2022, South Africa removed the requirement to present a negative RT-PCR test for all vaccinated travelers entering the country. [Read more.](#)

**Sweden****[Sweden to Remove COVID Entry Ban for Travelers from All Third Countries on April 1](#)**

Sweden will remove entry-ban on third-country travelers from 1 April 2022. Travelers from these countries will no longer need to present a vaccine or a test certificate when entering Sweden. [Read more.](#)

**United Kingdom****[No border checks to enforce new visa waiver scheme says UK as Ireland reveals 'concerns' over legislation](#)**

UK's House of Lords voted down a new immigration scheme which proposed obtaining an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) for Irish residents without an Irish passport, or tourists who wish to visit Northern Ireland from the south. [Read more](#)



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