



# 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.



## United States

### [Visa Bulletin for May 2022](#)

USICS issued the visa bulletin for May 2022. India advanced by two months to 1 September 2013 in the EB-2 category. [Read more.](#)

## United States

### [USCIS Announces Online Filing for DACA Renewal Forms](#)

USICS announced that individuals who received deferred action under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) may file Form I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals online. [Read more.](#)



## Australia

### [Pharmacists added to Australia Priority Migration Skilled Occupation List \(PMSOL\)](#)

Australia added pharmacists to the Priority Migration Skilled Occupation List (PMSOL). Occupations in the PMSOL receive priority processing for nomination and visa applications. [Read more](#)

## Malaysia

### [Malaysia Looks to Ease Migrant Worker Shortage as Borders Reopen](#)

Malaysia plans to hire 180,000 additional foreign workers to combat the labor shortage in the plantation and manufacturing industries. [Read more](#)

## Taiwan

### [Relatives of foreign residents can now apply to visit Taiwan](#)

Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) announced that Taiwanese citizens and foreign citizens can apply for a visitor visa. MOFA stated that relatives of foreign residents can apply for a 'specific entry permit' for visiting Taiwan. [Read more](#)

## United Arab Emirates

### [UAE issues new system for residency visas, entry permit categories](#)

On 18 April 2022, UAE announced a new residence visa and entry permit system. The new system offers new types of residence permits for skilled employees, investors, self-employed people, and family members of current residents. Further, residents will be able to sponsor their spouses and children under 25. [Read more](#)



## Europe and Africa

### Belarus

#### [Belarus considering establishment of visa-free system for citizens of neighboring EU states](#)

Belarus plans to establish a visa-free system under which citizens from neighboring EU states can enter, leave, and stay in Belarus on a visa-free basis. Further, the system would allow citizens to visit the border zone without a pass. [Read more](#)

### Bulgaria

#### [Bulgaria Today Removed All COVID-19 Requirements for Arrivals from Poland, Czechia & 8 Other Countries](#)

The Bulgarian Foreign Ministry announced that travelers from Poland, Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Hungary, Turkey, Serbia, Israel, North Macedonia, and Egypt will no longer need to present a vaccination, recovery, or a test certificate before entering the country. The measure entered into force on 13 April 2022 and will remain valid until 15 May 2022. [Read more](#)

### Cyprus

#### [Today Cyprus Scraps Travel Form Requirement & Several Other COVID-19 Restrictions](#)

Cyprus abolished the requirement to present a Cyprus Flight Pass on 18 April 2022. Further, Cyprus removed the categorization of countries which determined the pre-entry rules for travelers. Thus, all fully vaccinated travelers from any country will be allowed to enter Cyprus. [Read more](#)

### Estonia

#### [Estonia Abolishes Quarantine Requirement for Arrivals from Other Countries](#)

Estonian authorities abolished the mandatory self-isolation requirement for inbound travelers. However, COVID-19 border crossing rules are still effective for third-country nationals and residents. [Read more](#)

### Finland

#### [Finland Facilitates Residence Permit Application for Int'l Students, Researchers & Graduates](#)

From 15 April 2022, international students in Finland need not apply for residence permits in each academic year. A two-year permit will be given for students and researchers to look for employment opportunities in the country. Students are required to present a proof of funds of at least EUR 560 per month or EUR 6,720 per year to show that they can cover the first year of their studies. Further, students will be able to work 30 hours per week. [Read more](#)

### Greece

#### [Greece to Officially Drop COVID-19 Entry Restrictions for All Travelers on May 2](#)

From 2 May 2022, all travelers can enter Greece without presenting a valid vaccination, recovery, or test certificate upon their arrival. [Read more](#)

### Latvia

#### [Latvia to Introduce Its Digital Nomad Visa](#)

Latvia plans to introduce a digital nomad visa which will allow third-country nationals outside of the European Union and Switzerland to remotely work in Latvia. The visa, if approved, will allow a one-year stay in the country for a person working for an international-registered employer or a self-employed person. [Read more](#)

### Malta

#### [Malta's Consulate in Tripoli Starts Issuing Several Types of Visas](#)

Malta has started accepting tourist, medical, education, business, and reunion family visas at Libya's capital, Tripoli, after a temporary closure. Further, the fees for the tourist visa will be EUR 80 for all people over the age of 12 and EUR 40 for children between ages 6 and 12. The fees will be payable in Libyan dinars. [Read more](#)

### Malta

#### [Malta Now Permits Restriction-Free Entry to Recovered & Tested Travelers](#)

From 11 April 2022, all incoming travelers coming from a country in the red list are allowed to enter Malta with a negative RT PCR test taken up to 72 hours before entry or with a recovery certificate not older than 180 days. [Read more](#)

Portugal

### [Portugal Launches “Working in Portugal” Program for Employment of Immigrants](#)

Portugal intends to establish a ‘Working in Portugal Program’ to promote legal immigration of job seekers in the country. The program will facilitate testing of immigrants. [Read more](#)



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