



# 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

### [Winner of 2023 Diversity Visa lottery announced,](#)

The US State Department announced the winners of the 2023 Diversity Visa lottery. The Diversity Visa program provides 55,000 green cards to individuals from countries with low level of immigration to the US. [Read more.](#)

## United States

### [Prevailing Wage Determination Processing Times](#)

The Labor Department updates the processing times for permanent labor certification (PERM) applications and prevailing wage determination (PWD) requests. As of April 30, 2022, the Department was adjudicating applications filed in October and earlier and conduction audit reviews for application filed in August and earlier. The Average PERM processing times stood at 192 days for adjudicating and 283 days for audit review. [Read more.](#)

## United States

### [USCIS Increases Automatic Extension Period of Work Permits for Certain Applicants](#)

The USCIS announced a Temporary Final Rule to increase the automatic extension period of up to 540 days for employment authorization and Employment Authorization Documents (EADs). The increase is effective from 4 May 2022 and intends to avoid gaps in employment for noncitizens with pending EAD renewal applications. [Read more.](#)



## China

### [Beijing adjusts quarantine period for inbound travelers](#)

From 4 May 2022, all travelers entering China via Beijing are subject to 10 days of concentrated isolation along with seven days of home quarantine. [Read more](#)

## Japan

### [Kishida indicates entry rules on foreigners to ease in June](#)

Japan plans to ease entry restrictions against foreigners In June considering the declining COVID cases in the country. The restrictions will be eased post review by the Upper House of the Parliament. [Read more](#)

## New Zealand

### [Govt expected to reveal new border reopening date on Wednesday](#)

New Zealand is expected to announce the border reopening data for October which will allow tourists, students, and families from third countries to enter New Zealand. [Read more](#)

## South Korea

### [Seoul to renew visa waiver in Jeju and Yangyang starting June 1](#)

From 1 June 2022, South Korea will realow visa-free entry to Jeju. The visa-free entry was previously suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more](#)



**Finland**

**[Finland Prolongs COVID-19 Entry Restrictions for Third Country Travelers Until June 5](#)**

Finland extended the pre-entry COVID-19 restrictions until 5 June 2022 considering the COVID cases in the country. Thus, travelers are required to present either of a vaccine certificate, a recovery certificate, or a test result before entering the country. [Read more](#)

**France**

**[France to Implement Emergency Plan Aimed at Improving Delivery Times for Passports & National ID Cards](#)**

The French Ministry of Interior plans to implement an emergency plan to improve the delivery times for passports and national cards. The new system will use online pre-applications to reduce delivery times. [Read more](#)

**France**

**[India, France discuss ways to increase mobility of students, professionals](#)**

India and France plan to increase mobility of students, professionals, and skilled workers between the two countries. France intends to have 20,000 Indian students by 2025 to create business opportunities between the two countries. [Read more](#)

**Germany**

**[Studying in Germany: Blocked Bank Account Amount Expected to Increase to €11,172 From Autumn 2022](#)**

Foreign students intending to study or currently in Germany may have to keep more money in their blocked bank account to obtain their German student visa or extend their student resident permit. They may be required to show EUR 11,172 from the next winter semester in their bank account. [Read more](#)

**Malta**

**[Malta Further Relaxes Its COVID-19 Travel Restrictions](#)**

On 9 May 2022, the authorities of Malta relaxed the COVID-19 restrictions and stopped classifying countries as red or dark red. Thus, all incoming travelers, regardless of their country of origin, can enter Malta without a pre-travel authorization. Travelers are only required to provide either of a vaccine, recovery, or a test certificate before entering the country. [Read more](#)

**Netherlands**

**[Dutch Immigration Services Vow to Facilitate Application Procedures As Workload Gets Heavier](#)**

The Dutch Immigration and Naturalization Service (IND) extended the business hours to Saturdays to allow applicants to collect a residence permit or have their biometrics taken. Further, the authority plans to deliver residence documents to home address to reduce the application time. [Read more](#)

**Nigeria**

**[Nigerian graduates 'exempted' as UK opens application for high-potential individual visa](#)**

Graduates from Nigerian universities are not eligible for the UK's High Potential Individual (HPI) visa because of the global ranking criterion. [Read more](#)

**Spain**

**[Brits Remain Subject to Entry Restrictions When Travelling to Spain at Least Until May 15](#)**

Incoming travelers from the UK entering Spain will continue to be subject to entry restrictions until 15 May 2022. Thus, all incoming UK travelers are required to present a valid vaccination or a recovery certificate to enter Spain. [Read more](#)

**United Kingdom**

**[UK will soon launch a new visa to bring talented graduates to Britain](#)**

UK plans to introduce the High Potential Individual (HPI) visa to attract high potential individuals to the country. The visa is expected to launch on 30 May 2022 and will allow high-skilled foreign university graduates to work and stay in the UK for two or three years, depending on their degree level. [Read more](#)

**United Kingdom**

**[High Potential Individual visa: global universities list 2021](#)**

UK issued the list of 50 universities whose graduates will be eligible to apply for the High Potential Individual visa. [Read more](#)



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