



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.



Americas

United States

[National Visa Center Public Inquiry Telephone Line Suspension](#)

The National Visa Center (NVC) indefinitely suspended its public inquiry telephone number to address backlogs. Applicants can raise a public inquiry form to resolve their questions. [Read more.](#)



Asia Pacific

Australia

[Workforce Australia employment services](#)

From 1 July 2022, the Australian government will replace the job advertisement service with JobActive. Employers must use JobActive to advertise positions to meet the labor testing requirements. [Read more](#)

China

[China relaxes some COVID test rules for U.S., other travelers](#)

China eased COVID-19 test requirements for some US travelers and shortened the pre-departure quarantine period. Travelers coming from Dallas, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Seattle will no longer need to take a COVID-19 test seven days before entry into China. However, all travelers must take two RT-PCR tests within 48 hours of entry. [Read more](#)

Indonesia

[Indonesia lifts COVID-19 test requirement for vaccinated inbound travelers](#)

On 17 May 2022, Indonesia lifted the requirement to present a negative COVID-19 test for fully vaccinated travelers. [Read more](#)

Oman

[Oman & EU Delegations Discuss Schengen Visa Liberalization for Omanis](#)

Officials from the European Commission and Oman held a meeting for discussing wavering of visa requirements for Omani travelers entering the Schengen Area. [Read more](#)

Philippines

[BI transitions back to normal, resumes biometrics capturing for alien registration](#)

The Philippine government resumed its requirement for foreign nationals to submit biometrics when applying for visa renewals and when registering under the Alien Registration Program. The biometric requirements were previously suspended considering the COVID-19 situation in the country. [Read more](#)

Singapore

[Singapore and the African Union can digitally verify each other's COVID-19 Vaccination Certificates from 23 May 2022](#)

Singapore and the African Union announced mutual recognition of each other's COVID-19 vaccination certificates. From 23 May 2022, fully vaccinated travelers from Singapore or countries in the African Union can enter the other country without observing a quarantine or taking a pre-entry test. [Read more](#)

South Korea

[South Korean Embassy to resume tourist visa issuance on June 1, 2022](#)

South Korea will resume issuing tourist visas to Philippine nationals from 1 June 2022. The visa facility will resume after being suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more](#)

Thailand

[Deadline to apply for "Covid" visa extension extended by 2 months](#)

Thailand extended the deadline to apply for a COVID visa extension by 60 days until 25 July 2022. The extension allows foreigners who are stuck in Thailand due to COVID-19 to stay in the country. [Read more](#)



Belgium

[Belgium Introduces Mandatory Quarantine for Monkeypox Cases](#)

Belgium introduced a 21-day mandatory quarantine for travelers infected with the monkeypox virus. Infected travelers are required to self-isolate for at least 21 days or at least till the symptoms subside. [Read more](#)

Belgium

[Belgium Removes Entry Ban on Non-Essential Travel from Third Countries Starting from Today](#)

On 23 May 2022, Belgium removed pre-entry COVID-19 entry restrictions for inbound travelers. Travelers from outside the European Union are allowed to enter Belgium for non-essential purposes like tourism and are no longer to take a test on the first and seventh day of arrival. Further, passengers are no longer required to complete a passenger locator form or present a valid vaccination, recovery, or test certificate before entering the country. [Read more](#)

Bulgaria

[EU Commission Urges Bulgaria to Start Using New Format for Residence Permits for Non-EU Nationals](#)

The European Commission urged Bulgaria to use new residence permit cards for non-EU nationals. Bulgaria must comply with the request by 10 July 2022. The new resident permit cards have upgraded security features based on biometric data. [Read more](#)

Malta

[Malta to Scrap Test Requirement for Minors from June 6](#)

From 6 June 2022, children under 12 will no longer need to present a negative test certificate before entering Malta. [Read more](#)

Spain

[Spain Lifts Entry Ban for Non-Vaccinated Travelers from Non-EU Countries](#)

Travelers coming from outside the European Union are now allowed to enter Spain for non-essential purposes if they present a valid vaccination, recovery, or a test certificate before entering the country. [Read more](#)

Spain

[Spain Removes COVID Control Measures at Land Borders with France](#)

On 19 May 2022, Spain lifted the health controls at the land border with France considering the epidemiological situation in both countries. Travelers coming from France are no longer required to present a valid vaccination, recovery, or a test certificate before entering Spain. [Read more](#)



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