



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

Canada

[Expanded National Newcomer Navigation Network to help internationally educated health care professionals](#)

The Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship of Canada earmarked USD 1.5 million to promote collaboration and information sharing in the health sector to help internationally educated health care professionals get their credentials recognized faster. [Read more.](#)

United States

[Prevailing Wage Determination Processing Times](#)

The Labor Department posted the updated processing times for permanent labor certification (PERM) applications and prevailing wage determination (PWD) requests. As of 31 May 2022, the average PERM processing time stood at 191 days for adjudication and 278 days for audit review. [Read more.](#)

United States

[USCIS Updates Public Charge Resources Webpage to Provide Information on the Public Charge Ground of Inadmissibility and Public Benefits Available to Noncitizens](#)

The USCIS updated its public charge resources webpage to provide more information to immigrants and their families to ensure information access throughout their application process. [Read more.](#)

United States

[USCIS Releases New Forms for Immigrant Investor Program](#)

The USCIS has released two new forms under two under the EB-5 Reform and Integrity Act of 2022 to update the Forms I-956F and I-956G. [Read more.](#)

United States

[Cap Reached for Additional Returning Worker H-2B Visas for Second Half of FY 2022](#)

The USICS has reached the 23,500 visa cap for returning H-2B workers. However, workers from El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Haiti can still apply for the visa. [Read more.](#)



Asia Pacific

Bangladesh

[Bangladesh plans to ease visa procedure for foreign tourists](#)

The government of Bangladesh plans to ease visa procedure for foreign tourists intending to boost the country's travel and leisure industry. [Read more](#)

India

[India-Senegal sign three MoUs including cultural exchange, visa-free regime for officials](#)

India and Senegal signed a visa-free regime agreement. The regime will allow visa-free travel for diplomatic and official passport holders of the countries. [Read more](#)

Indonesia

[Indonesia woos digital nomads with 5-year remote working visa, and promotes spiritual getaways, to bring in longer-staying visitors](#)

Indonesia plans to introduce a digital nomad 5-year remote visa. The visa will allow remote workers to stay in the country for up to 5 years without paying taxes if their employment income is earned outside of Indonesia. [Read more](#)

Japan

[Border measures to prevent the spread of novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

The Japanese government updated its COVID-19 entry requirements and implemented a new system for classifying countries into blue, yellow, and red groups. Travelers from the blue countries and only fully vaccinated travelers from the yellow countries are no longer required to take a COVID-19 test upon arrival or observe a mandatory quarantine. [Read more](#)

Oman

[New reduced visa fees from June 1](#)

From 1 June 2022, a new revised fees came into effect for renewal and issue of expatriate work permits in Oman. The measure aims to attract more people into the country and stimulate the economy post the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more](#)

Russia

[Russia lifts entry restrictions for citizens of Uzbekistan arriving by rail](#)

On 14 June 2022, Russia will remove all entry restrictions on foreigners arriving in the country by air or sea. The restrictions were originally put into place considering the COVID-19 pandemic in the country. [Read more](#)

Saudi Arabia

[Saudi Arabia: New 3-year entry ban on expats for visa rule violation](#)

The General Directorate of Passports (Jawazat) stated that expats who leave the country and do not return within the stipulated time will be banned from entering the country for three years. The mandate is not applicable to the dependents of the expatriate. [Read more](#)

Taiwan

[Taiwan announces one-year extension for migrant worker permits](#)

Employers of migrant workers who are close to reaching the maximum 12 or 14 years stay in Taiwan can now apply for one-year work permit extension on behalf of their employees. The extension is available to migrant workers in the production sector and private home-based migrant caregivers. [Read more](#)



Europe and Africa

Belgium

[Belgium filing fees](#)

The Belgian government will decrease filing fees for certain application types. From 26 May 2022, filing fees will reduce from EUR 366 to EUR 126 for single permit applications. Filing fees for those who have long term residence in another Schengen area country will be EUR 168 and for the spouses and dependents of employment-based permit holders will be EUR 181. [Read more](#)

Finland

[Finland Has Prolonged COVID Certificate Requirement for Third Country Travelers Until June 30](#)

The Finnish Ministry of the Interior extended the pre-entry COVID-19 restrictions for third country travelers until 30 June 2022. Thus, all third country travelers are required to present either of a valid vaccination, recovery, or a negative test certificate. [Read more](#)

Germany

[Germany Expected to Facilitate Several COVID Rules from Today](#)

Germany is expected to ease the COVID-19 restrictions in the country. Germany plans to suspend 3G rules which require all travelers to present either of a valid vaccination, recovery, or a test certificate. [Read more](#)

Italy

[Italy Has Officially Dropped Its COVID-19 Entry Rules for All Travelers](#)

From 1 June 2022, all travelers can enter Italy without being subject to pre-entry COVID-19 restrictions. Thus, travelers are no longer needed to present a valid test, vaccination, or a recovery certificate upon arrival. [Read more](#)

Latvia

[Remote work visas to be introduced in Latvia](#)

On 2 June 2022, the Latvian Saeima approved amendments to the Immigration Law for the introduction of remote visas in the country. The visa will allow high-skilled specialists to work remotely in Latvia for up to two years. [Read more](#)

Lithuania

[Lithuania steps up preparations for dual citizenship referendum](#)

The Lithuanian parliament set up a working group to prepare for a referendum to legalize dual citizenships. The referendum is intended to draw out an action plan for legalizing dual citizenships by 2024. [Read more](#)

Malta

[Malta Scraps Test Requirement for Minors Starting from Today](#)

From 6 June 2022, children under the age of 12 are no longer required to show a negative COVID-19 test before entering Malta. However, all travelers above the age of 12 must present either of a valid vaccination, recovery, or a negative test certificate. [Read more](#)

Spain

[Spain Lifts COVID Passport Requirement for Travelers From EU/Schengen Countries](#)

On 2 June 2022, Spain lifted all COVID-19 pre-entry restrictions for inbound travelers coming from the Schengen Area. Travelers coming from the Schengen Area are no longer required to present a valid vaccination, recovery, or a test certificate before entering the country. [Read more](#)

Spain

[Spain to relax work permit rules, grant more work visas to foreigners](#)

Spain plans to relax work permit rules for foreigners to address labor shortages in the country, especially in tourism and construction industries. The government plans to grant more temporary visas for sectors that need workers. [Read more](#)



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