



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. [Click here to find all issues of the Immigration News Highlights on the GMS Flash Alert: Immigration page.](#)

Americas

Canada

[New Canadian immigration program in the works](#)

Canada is working on a new fast-track immigration program for temporary foreign workers and international students. [Read more.](#)

Canada

[How CSQ holders can extend their stay in Canada](#)

Foreign nationals selected by Quebec under its Regular Skilled Worker Program and its Quebec Experience Program who currently reside in the province may be able to have their work permits extended without needing a Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA). [Read more.](#)

Asia Pacific

China

[Tourist visa to remain suspended](#)

China lifted the visa ban imposed on Indians and announced that it plans to provide visas to Indian professionals and their families, who have not been able to travel back to China due to the pandemic. Reports also state that visas for private purposes or tourists will remain suspended. [Read more](#)

Hong Kong

[Hong Kong and BN\(O\) passport holders can travel to South Korea visa-free again after restrictions eased, while city logs 1,198 Covid cases](#)

From 1 July 2022, South Korea is set to resume visa-free travel for Hong Kong residents. Holders of both Hong Kong SAR and the British National Overseas passports can enter the country without a visa for short-term trips such as tourism, business meetings and family visits. [Read more](#)

India

[India, Indonesia Renew Agreement on Visa Waiver on Diplomatic Passports](#)

India and Indonesia renewed the agreement on visa waiver on diplomatic and official passports. The two countries also discussed the regional and global issues including Indo-Pacific, Afghanistan, Myanmar and the repercussions of the Ukraine conflict. [Read more](#)

Indonesia

[Indonesia issues long-delayed rules to protect migrant fishing workers](#)

Indonesia issued a decree to boost the protection of Indonesian deckhands working aboard foreign commercial and fishing vessels. [Read more](#)

Indonesia

[Digital Nomad Visa in discussion](#)

Indonesian Tourism and Creative Economy Minister is currently in discussions with relevant ministries and agencies regarding the granting of digital nomad visas or visas for remote workers. The digital nomad visa is planned to be valid for five years in order to attract tourists to enjoy the quality and sustainable tourism in Indonesia. [Read more](#)

Japan

[EU Citizens Now Need a Visa to Enter Japan](#)

Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced that EU/EEA citizens and citizens of several other countries who do not possess a re-entry permit, will need to apply for a visa when travelling to Japan. [Read more](#)

Taiwan

[Taiwan to gradually ease border controls, shorten quarantine period, and control number of arrivals](#)

Effective June 15, 2022, Taiwan will loosen the border restrictions and impose the following: a three-day home quarantine, a four-day self-initiated epidemic prevention measure, PCR testing at the airport on the day of arrival, among others. [Read more](#)



Estonia

[Estonia Drops COVID Entry Restrictions for All Non-EU Travellers](#)

Estonia government announced that all nationals of third countries, regardless of their country of origin, will no longer be required to present a valid vaccination, recovery, or test certificate while arriving in Estonia. [Read more](#)

Finland

[Finland Abolishes All COVID-19 Travel Restrictions for Third Country Citizens](#)

Third-country nationals who plan to enter Finland will not be required to present a proof of fully completed immunization process against the Coronavirus, a negative result of a COVID-19 test, or undergo a testing process upon their arrival in Finland as the government announced the abolition of such requirements. [Read more](#)

Germany

[Germany Lifts COVID Entry Rules for All Travellers](#)

The German Federal Foreign Office announced the provisional lifting of all COVID-19 entry restrictions for travellers from all countries. [Read more](#)

Norway

[Norway to Apply Tightened Visa Rules for Nationals of Russia](#)

The Norwegian authorities announced that the country will start applying tightened visa rules for Russian nationals, owing to the fear that Russian nationals who visit Norway will not return. [Read more](#)

Poland

[Poland to End State of Emergency Along its Border with Belarus](#)

The government of Poland announced the removal of the state of emergency imposed at the border with Belarus, effective July 1. [Read more](#)

Portugal

[Portugal Opens E-gates to Travellers from US and Canada](#)

Portugal announced that travellers from the United States and Canada are eligible to use the technological borders control doors (e-gates) when they arrive in Lisbon and Ponta Delgada airports. [Read more](#)

Portugal

[Portugal Launches New Work Visa for Migrants](#)

The Portuguese government approved the establishment of a work visa for foreign nationals who wish to work in the country for six months. Also, it announced the removal of the quota regime for migration. [Read more](#)

Spain

[Spain Resumes Operation Crossing the Strait with Morocco](#)

Spain announced the resumption of 'Operation Crossing the Strait', which would enable movement between the continent of Europe and Africa for three months. [Read more](#)



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