



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.](#)



Canada

[Now Super Visa holders can stay up to 5 years in Canada](#)

The Canadian government increased the validity for super visa to up to 5 years. The Visa allows multi-entry into the country for up to ten years. [Read more.](#)

Canada

[Canada to resume random Covid-19 testing at four major airports](#)

Canada resumed mandatory random screening for travelers arriving in Vancouver, Calgary, Montreal, and Toronto. The measure aims to analyze the epidemiological situation in the country. [Read more.](#)

Chile

[Chile Eases COVID-19 Entry Requirements](#)

The Chilean Ministry of Health updated the entry requirements for international travelers. Travelers are no longer needed to be fully vaccinated while entering the country but can be subject to random testing at entry points. [Read more.](#)

United States

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

The USCIS revised Form I-526 based on the EB-5 Reform and Integrity Act of 2022. The Form will be split into two versions for standalone immigrant investors and for immigrant investors who intend to pool their investments with other applicants. [Read more.](#)

United States

[USCIS to Implement Second Phase of Premium Processing for Certain Previously Filed EB-1 and EB-2 Form I-140 Petitions](#)

On 1 August 2022, the USCIS will implement the second phase of the premium expansion for certain petitioners who have a pending Form I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Workers, under the EB-1 and EB-2 classifications. From 1 August 2022, USCIS will accept Form I-907 requests for E13 multinational executive and manager petitions received on or before 1 July 2021 and E21 NIW petitions received on or before 1 August 2021. [Read more.](#)

United States

[US doubles visa validity for Saudis](#)

From 1 August 2022, Saudi citizens will be able to obtain a US visitor visa with a validity of 10 years. The validity was increased from 5 years to strengthen the economic ties between the two countries. [Read more.](#)

Japan**[Japan's small cities to draw foreign talent with fast-track residency](#)**

Japan plans to introduce a grade-based degree system which will allow foreign employees to settle in the exterior of the metropolitan areas using a fast-track residency path. Applicants will be graded on certain criteria like working at specialized firms, type of work, etc. and will be assigned a level, based on which the time taken to obtain an everlasting residence will reduce. [Read more](#)

Malaysia**[More employers in Malaysia will be allowed to hire foreign workers in selected sectors](#)**

Malaysian employers will be able to hire more foreign workers in certain employment subsectors which were previously unavailable for foreign workers like land, warehousing, construction, etc. [Read more](#)

Oman**[Oman: Expatriates banned from working 207 professions](#)**

The Sultanate Minister of Labor issued a decision to ban non-Omani workforce from being employed in 207 professions. The measure intends to reduce unemployment for Omani citizens. [Read more](#)

Russia**[Russia lifts e-visa ban for foreign tourists including Indians, Covid-19 test requirements to continue](#)**

Russia lifts e-visa ban for foreign tourists. A single-entry electronic visa will allow foreign citizens to live in Russia for up to 16 days in a period of 60 calendar days. [Read more](#)

Taiwan**[Permanent residency rules for migrant caregivers could be eased: MOL](#)**

Taiwan plans to ease the rules pertaining to Chinese-language proficiency for migrant workers to obtain a permanent residency. Taiwanese authorities discussed altering or waiving the requirement for individuals to pass the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language. [Read more](#)

Taiwan**[Taiwan to open borders to 6 categories of visitors on July 25](#)**

From 25 July 2022, volunteers, missionaries, religious scholars, interns, and people taking a working holiday can enter Taiwan provided they hold valid entry permits. [Read more](#)

Taiwan**[Taiwan eases entry restrictions for overseas students](#)**

From 1 August 2022, foreign students in exchange programs can enter Taiwan after observing a three-day quarantine followed by a four-days self-health monitoring. [Read more](#)

Algeria**[Algeria-Tunisia: Land borders reopen amid facilitation and regulatory measures](#)**

On 15 July 2022, Algeria and Tunisia opened the land borders between the countries. The borders were previously closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more](#)

France**[French Government Wants to Expel All Foreigners Found Guilty of a Serious Act](#)**

France plans to expel all foreigners who have committed a serious act by abolishing the condition of age of arrival in France. Foreigners who have committed serious acts before the age of 13 can't be deported from France. The new provisions will allow expulsion of any foreigner found guilty of a serious act. [Read more](#)

France

[France Planning to Make Language Test Mandatory for *Carte de Séjour* Residence Permit](#)

France plans to make the French language test mandatory for applicants of the *Carte de Séjour* residence permit. The measure aims to reinforce integration for foreigners who intend to obtain a multi-year residency permit. [Read more](#)

Malta

[Malta to Open Visa Office in Bangladesh](#)

Malta plans to open a visa office in Bangladesh to receive applications for tourist, educational, medical, business, employment, and family reunification visas. [Read more](#)

Malta

[Malta to Drop Its COVID Entry Restrictions on July 25](#)

Malta will drop the COVID-19 pre-entry testing requirement on 25 July 2022. Thus, travelers will no longer be needed to present a valid proof of vaccination, recovery, or a negative COVID-19 test certificate before entering the country. [Read more](#)

Spain

[Brits warned they must have 3 additional papers ready to get into Spain](#)

British travelers entering Spain must provide a proof of return, proof of funds for the stay, and proof of accommodation in Spain while entering the country. [Read more](#)



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