



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

[IRCC to introduce new language test for immigration](#)

Canadian authorities have confirmed the introduction of a new language proficiency test as a part of immigration qualifications. Currently, individuals must demonstrate proficiency in English or French for becoming a part of the economic class immigration programmers. [Read more.](#)

Canada

[Government implements new work measures for international students and TR to PR applicants](#)

New measures have been implemented for international students with expired or near expiring post-graduation work permits, and temporary citizenship to permanent citizenship applicants. [Read more.](#)

Canada

[Canada modified the educational requirements for express entry](#)

The government of Canada has modified the education requirements for Express Entry candidates. Foreign nationals who had earned a degree, diploma or certificate in Canada between March 2020 and August 2022, or had completed their program through distance learning from outside Canada through part-time studies, are now eligible for Canadian educational credential points. [Read more.](#)

Colombia

[Digital nomad visa processing time increased](#)

The Colombian authorities had introduced a two-year digital nomad visa program; however, the application processing times for the same will now extend up to 30 days. [Read more.](#)

Mexico

[Mexico to modify its visa application process for Brazilian nationals](#)

The Mexican government has announced the modification of the visa application process for Brazilian nationals travelling for tourism or nonpaid business activities. Brazilians will no longer be able to apply for e-visas to enter Mexico from 18 August 2022. [Read more.](#)



China

[Visa invitation requirements abolished for Germans intending to resume work in China](#)

The Chinese embassy in Germany announced that German nationals intending to apply for a visa to resume business in China in the areas of economy and trade, sci-tech, culture, sports, education, etc, shall not be required to provide a letter of invitation henceforth. [Read more](#)

Hong Kong

[COVID quarantine rules eased by Hong Kong government](#)

The government will be shortening the quarantine period for all international arrivals to three days from the previous seven days. The measure shall be effective from 12 August 2022. [Read more](#)

Macau

[Quarantine period eased for non-mainland China visitors](#)

Macau shall be shortening the quarantine requirements for fully vaccinated visitors from Hong Kong, Taiwan, and other over-seas jurisdictions to the arrangement of 7+3 days, instead of the current 10+3 days. However, the country shall continue barring the entry of unvaccinated travelers from abroad. [Read more](#)

Malaysia

[COVID related entry restrictions dropped](#)

Malaysian authorities have confirmed the dropping of all COVID related entry restrictions for travelers. Individuals will now be allowed to enter the country irrespective of their vaccination status. [Read more](#)

Saudi Arabia

[Entry visa requirements waived for Saudi citizens visiting Thailand](#)

Saudi Arabia's embassy in Thailand announced the introduction of an exemption for Saudi citizens from entry visas for a stay of 30 days. The visa exemption period set by the government is also free of any fees. [Read more](#)

South Korea

[Visa requirements waived for tourists from Japan, Taiwan and Macau](#)

The South Korean government has announced the waiver of visa requirements for tourists arriving from Japan, Taiwan, and Macau during the month of August. This move has been made in a bid to boost tourism and avoid delays in gaining visa approvals for tourists. [Read more](#)

Thailand

[10 year visa for skilled workers to be introduced](#)

Thai authorities have announced the introduction of a ten year visa in order to attract skilled workers and investors from Japan and other advanced economies. The visa is expected to be introduced in September 2022. [Read more](#)



Czech Republic

[Czech Republic shall not recognize the new Vietnamese passports](#)

Czech Republic is the newest addition to the list of European countries that have decided not to recognize the new passports issued by the Vietnamese government. Czechia's authorities have concluded that the passports do not meet the standards laid down by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). [Read more](#)

Egypt

[Temporary visa exemption for Egyptian tourists to Serbia](#)

The Serbian embassy in Cairo has announced that the agreement on exempting Egyptian tourists from requiring a visa to visit Serbia shall now be in effect until 30 September 2022. [Read more](#)

Italy

[Immigration procedure for limited work categories simplified](#)

The Italian government has officially simplified the procedure for obtaining a work permit (Nulla Osta) clearance for European Union (EU) citizens, in relation to applying for subordinate work. [Read more](#)

Portugal

[Foreign-issued driving licenses shall now be recognized by government](#)

The government of Portugal announced a new law which shall recognize foreign driving licenses issued by the Member of States of the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries (CPLP) and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and development (OECD). [Read more](#)

Spain

[Spain to refuse visa applications from holders of the new Vietnamese passports](#)

The Spanish embassy in Vietnam has confirmed that they shall not be processing visa applications received from Vietnamese citizens who hold the newly issued passports until further notice. [Read more](#)

Spain

[Work permit requirements for foreigners eased by Spain](#)

The Spanish government has introduced new measures to simplify the process to obtain a permit for foreigners to work in the country. The renewed process will be more streamlined, and will have significantly less requirements as opposed to before. [Read more](#)

South Africa

[Critical skills list updated by the South African government](#)

The government of South Africa has added 38 additional healthcare occupations that shall now be eligible for Critical Skills work visas. Critical skills are those skill sets that the government considers elemental for the South African economy. [Read more](#)

Sweden

[New residency visa launched for job seekers and entrepreneurs](#)

Swedish authorities have announced the launch of a new residency visa category for job seekers and entrepreneurs. The permit will be issued to qualified professionals for a period of three to nine months, with an additional extension of nine months. [Read more](#)



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