



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

[Canada to Drop Travel Mask Mandate and Entry Restrictions on Oct. 1](#)

Sean Fraser, the Canadian Immigration Minister announced a new pathway for conversion of temporary visas to permanent residence permits for foreign workers and international students with significant work experience. The measure aims to address labor shortages in the country. [Read more.](#)

Canada

[Canada outlines new plan to ease PR process for international students, foreign workers](#)

The Canadian government announced that from 1 October 2022, all COVID related quarantine and vaccination requirements will be dropped for travelers entering the country. [Read more.](#)

United States

[US embassy in Havana plans to resume services](#)

The American embassy in Havana plans to resume its visa processing services from 2023. Thus, Cuban nationals will be able to apply for family visas in Havana and would no longer need to travel to Guyana for their interviews. [Read more.](#)



Asia Pacific

Bangladesh

[Notice on Temporarily Adjustment of Visa and Legalization Application](#)

On 26 September 2022, the Chinese embassy in Bangladesh adjusted the visa and legalization application procedures. The new provisions require visa applicants to submit their documents through post rather than in-person. [Read more](#)

Hong Kong

[Hong Kong eases Covid entry restrictions](#)

On 26 September 2022, Hong Kong updated the COVID-19 related travel restrictions, abolishing the three-day quarantine requirement for foreign arrivals, amongst other changes introduced. Visitors are no longer required to quarantine for three days at designated hotels. [Read more](#)

Japan

[Visa Exemption Arrangement for United Nations Laissez-Passer Holders](#)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan announced that the visa exemption measures for United Nations Laissez-Passer will resume from 11 October 2022. The visa exemption was previously suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more](#)

New Zealand

[New Zealand Launches Its Active Investor Plus Visa](#)

New Zealand announced the launch of the Active Investor Plus category visa for high-value investors. The minimum investment requirement to qualify for the same US\$ 5 million. [Read more](#)

Taiwan

[Taiwan to open visa-free travel to Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, Japan, and South Korea on Sept. 29](#)

The Taiwanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced the restoration of visa free entry for 11 countries out of 12 from 29 September 2022. These that were previously excluded from the visa exemption policy due to the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more](#)



Europe and Africa

Iceland

[Iceland restricts the issuance of residence cards](#)

The government of Iceland announced the restriction of issuance of residence cards to foreign nationals until 2023. Instead of a residence cards, applicants will now receive a letter confirming their residence permit. [Read more](#)

Germany

[Indian Students Must Submit APS Certificates With Their Visa Applications Beginning November 1](#)

The German Missions in India announced that applicants to the student visa for Germany would have to get their academic records assessed by the Academic Evaluation Center (APS) and obtain APS certificates before filling their visa application. [Read more](#)

Poland

[Citizens of Ukraine & Belarus to Be Able to Submit Applications for National Visas in Poland](#)

From 22 September, 2022, citizens of Belarus and Ukraine residing in Poland can submit applications for national visas online once the authorities begin the registration process for the same. [Read more](#)




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