



Immigration News Highlights

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Americas

United States

USCIS Issues Proposed Rule to Adjust Certain Immigration and Naturalization Fees

The USCIS proposed to adjust certain immigration and naturalization benefit fees intending to recover its operating costs more fully, reestablish and maintain timely case processing, and prevent accumulation of future case backlogs.

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United States

USCIS Releases New Immigrant Investor Form

The USCIS has published new Form I-956J to be filed by each person acting as direct or third-party promoter (including migration agents) for a regional center, a new commercial enterprise, an affiliated job-creating entity, or an issuer of securities marked to be offered to immigrant investors.

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United States

Labor Department posts PERM, prevailing wage processing updates

The Labor Department updated the PERM processing time for adjudication at 249 days and 369 days for applications in November 2022 and December 2022 respectively and for audit review at 368 days and 356 days for applications in November 2022 and December 2022 respectively.

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Asia Pacific

India

India, U.K sign and exchange letters for Young Professionals Scheme

India and UK launched the Young Professionals Scheme which will permit up to 3,000 degree-holding citizens aged between 18 and 30 to live and work in the other country for up to two years.

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Mongolia

Mongolia to exempt 34 countries from visa requirements to promote tourism

Mongolia will provide visa free entry to citizens of select 34 countries for up to 30 days until the end of 2025 intending to recover the tourism sector of the country.

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Europe and Africa

Austria

Austria strikes migration deal with India

Austria and India signed a migration agreement allowing skilled Indian migrants to come to Austria and allow young people to receive access to student exchanges and a working holiday programme. Austria also committed to giving out 800 work visa cards annually to Indian citizens.

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Croatia

Croatia to Simplify Process of Issuing Work Permits to Foreigners

The Croatian government has announced that the country plans to take new measure in 2023 intending to improve the processing times for issuing work permits for foreign nationals. The measure aims to combat labor shortage in the country.

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Denmark

Positive lists of shortage occupations updated

On 1 January 2023, the Danish Government updated the Positive List for People with a Higher Education and the Positive List for Skilled Work which reflect the current labor shortages and market needs in the country. The Government removed Architect, energy engineer, HR consultant and production engineer from the Positive List for People with a Higher Education and buyer and construction manager from the Positive List for Skilled Work.

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Finland

Finland to attract more migrant workers from Vietnam

Finland plans to attract more migrant workers from Brazil, India, Vietnam, and Turkey to double the number of immigrants in the country by 2030. The measure was taken considering the aging population of the country.

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France

France to Impose COVID-19 Entry Restrictions for Travelers from China from January 5

From 5 January 2023, all travelers aged 12 and above are required to present a negative COVID-19 test taken within 48 hours of boarding the flight. They also have to sign a certificate confirming no symptoms of the virus and non-contact with an infectious person in the past 14 days before boarding the flight.

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Germany

Germany to Impose COVID Test on Arrivals from China

From 5 January 2023, all travelers coming from must take at least a rapid COVID-19 test before their departure. Additionally, all travelers could be subject to a random COVID-19 test to recognize virus strains.

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Greece

Greece Imposes Pre-Departure COVID Test Requirement for Arrivals from China

From 8 January 2023, all travelers coming from China must take a COVID-19 test at most 48 hours before boarding the flight. Further, the travelers would be required to wear a face mask during the entire flight.

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Netherlands

Netherlands Makes COVID-19 Tests Obligatory for Arrivals from China from January 10

From 10 January 2023, all travelers coming from China would be required to take a COVID-19 test within 48 hours of their arrival in the Netherlands.

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Sweden

Sweden to Introduce COVID-19 Requirements on Travelers from China from January 7

From 7 January 2023, all travelers above the age of 12 from China entering Swidden are required to provide a negative COIVD-19 test.

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