



Immigration News Highlights

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Americas

Canada

Canada Modifies Québec Immigrant Investor Program (IIP)

The Québec Government has made important amendments to the immigrant investor program which is set to reopen on 1 January 2024. The Quebec IIP is equivalent to the Canada golden visa scheme and aims at attracting high-net-worth clients.

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El Salvador

El Salvador mandates hefty fee on African and Indian travelers

El Salvador's government has begun imposing a US\$1,130 fee on travelers from dozens of countries connecting through the nation's main airport, amid US pressure to help control migration flows to its southern border.

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United States

DHS Announces Countries Eligible for H-2A and H-2B Visa Programs

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in consultation with the Department of State (DOS), has announced the lists of countries whose nationals are eligible to participate in the H-2A and H-2B visa programs in the next year.

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United States

[USCIS Updates Guidance for Special Immigrant Juvenile Petitions](#)

The Department of Homeland Security has updated the guidance in the USCIS Policy Manual for adjudicating Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) petitions. This update will make the SIJ adjudication process more efficient for some applicants.

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Australia

[Australia offers Tuvalu residents special visa](#)

Australia and Tuvalu sign a treaty and as part of the new treaty, Australia will provide 280 permanent residency visas to Tuvalu each year.

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Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)

[GCC approves unified tourist visa for six nations](#)

GCC countries have approved a unified tourist visa to allow easy movement between UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman and Bahrain for residents and tourists. The announcement was made in the 40th meeting of the Interior Ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

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Kazakhstan

[Kazakhstan and San Marino to Establish Visa-Free Regime](#)

Kazakhstan and San Marino signed an agreement on mutual visa exemption to boost tourism, enhance business relations, and foster international cooperation of both states on 8 November 2023. As per the agreement, citizens of the two countries are exempt from visa requirements for single or multiple trips for tourism, business, and other purposes, provided the stay does not exceed 90 days within 180 days.

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United Arab Emirates

[UAE and Bosnia and Herzegovina Sign MoU for Visa-Free Travel](#)

According to the agreed Memorandum of Understanding signed on 6 November 2023, individuals from the UAE and Bosnia and Herzegovina who possess valid ordinary passports are eligible for visa-free travel privileges in both countries.

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Europe and Africa



Denmark

New exemption allows non-EU nationals to work in Denmark without a permit

The Danish Ministry of Immigration and Integration has announced that as from 17 November 2023 some situations will allow non-EU nationals to work in Denmark without a work permit.

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Denmark

Denmark Updates Guidelines for Calculating Residence Under Short-Term Track

The Danish authorities have announced that the country's Agency for International Recruitment and Integration (SIRI) has updated the guidelines for calculating residence under the short-term track. According to SIRI, under the short-term track, foreigners can be granted a residence and work permit with up to 90 days validity.

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European Union

Council gives green light to the digitalization of the visa procedure

The European Union Council adopted new rules which will allow people who plan to travel to the Schengen area to apply online for a visa has rendered in-person appearance at the consulate redundant. In principle, in-person appearance will only be necessary for first-time applicants, people whose biometric data are no longer valid and people with a new travel document

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Germany

Germany Adopts First Part of New Skilled Worker Law

The first new regulations that aim to make it easier for foreign-skilled workers to emigrate to Germany will have been implemented. Considering the labor shortages, the German government decided to reform the Skilled Immigration Act, which will become effective through different stages, with some changes entering into force in November 2023 and some others in 2024.

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Germany

Digital Procedures for ID Cards and Work Permits

The government of Germany has introduced a new process for receiving German identification cards, passports, and other work permit authorization types through digital procedures.

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Isle of Man

Manx government ends seasonal visa route for hospitality workers

The relaxation of visa rules for seasonal workers applying for hospitality jobs on the Isle of Man has come to an end. The Manx government confirmed the option that was introduced in 2022 in response to bar and restaurant worker shortages is no longer valid.

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