



Immigration News Highlights

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Americas

Antigua and Barbuda

Antigua Announces the Commencement of Mandatory Interviews

The Citizenship by Investment Unit of Antigua and Barbuda announced that citizenship applications submitted from 15 December 2023 onwards will be required to undergo mandatory interviews. The interviews will be conducted for all main applicants and dependents who are 16 years of age or older. The memo also introduces a new administrative fee of US\$1,500 to cover the costs of the interview.

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Peru

Peru launches South America's latest digital nomad visa

The government of Peru published a decree law that sets up the country's first digital nomad visa program, Digital Nomad-Residence. According to the Superintendency of Migration, the visa is given to foreigners seeking to work remotely from Peru while exploring its numerous tourist attractions. It will be issued for a renewable one-year term.

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United States

USCIS Announces Availability of Additional H-2B Visas for Fiscal Year 2024

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through the USCIS, and the Department of Labor published a temporary final rule making available an additional 64,716 H-2B temporary nonagricultural worker visas for FY 2024, on top of the statutory cap of 66,000 H-2B visas that are available each fiscal year.

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Asia Pacific

China

China extends visa-free transit policy to 54 countries

China expanded its visa-free transit policy to include citizens from Norway for a 72/144-hour stay, bringing the total number of applicable countries to 54.

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Kenya

Kenya and Rwanda introduce visa-free travel for all Africans

Rwanda and Kenya have made significant strides in promoting African unity by opening their borders to other Africans, enabling visa-free travel for all citizens of the continent. Kenya is set to implement this from 31 December 2023.

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Kyrgyzstan

Cumulative period of visa-free stay for foreigners was announced

The Kyrgyz Republic has approved regulations regarding the stay of foreign citizens in its territory. These regulations include limitations on the duration of visa-free stays for different nationalities. For nationals of EAEU countries, Ukraine, Serbia, Turkey, and Mongolia, the maximum stay is 90 days out of 180 days. Nationals of countries eligible for a 60-day visa waiver and nationals of Uzbekistan can stay for a maximum of 60 days out of 120 days. To stay longer, individuals must arrange registration or obtain a visa or residence permit.

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Nigeria

Increase in Visa-on-Arrival Fees

The Nigeria Immigration Service has increased the biometric fees for Visa-on-Arrival applications by a flat rate of US\$80. The nationals of the United States of America are exempt from payment of biometric fees in line with the visa fee reciprocity agreement with Nigeria.

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Europe and Africa

Armenia

Armenia and Tunisia lift visa requirements for diplomatic passport holders

Armenia and Tunisia are lifting visa requirements for diplomatic passport holders, a move intended to contribute to expanding political dialogue and intensifying mutual visits on various levels between the two countries.

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Denmark

Denmark announces new rules for exemption from the requirement of a work permit

A new set of guidelines has been implemented in Denmark, allowing foreign nationals (third country nationals) to work for shorter durations without the need for a residence and work permit under certain circumstances. The prerequisite is that the individual is employed by a company based abroad that has ties with a company established in Denmark. The Danish company must have a minimum of 50 employees.

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European Union

EU to permit visa-free entry for citizens of Kosovo with Serbian passports

The European Commission has proposed to abolish visa requirements for Serbians living in Kosovo who hold passports issued in Serbia, following the EU's decision to allow Kosovars to travel visa-free for short-term stays from 1 January 2024.

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France

France lifts Schengen visa restrictions for Morocco citizens

The French Ambassador to Morocco, has announced that France has officially lifted the visa restrictions previously imposed on Moroccans.

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Germany

Germany's updated skilled immigration rules enter into force

Germany has officially implemented changes to its skilled immigration rules as part of the revised Skilled Immigration Act. The revamped rules seek to streamline and facilitate the immigration of skilled workers from countries outside the European Union.

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Greece

New guidelines on Tax Residency released

Greece's Independent Authority for Public Revenues issued a new Circular, which introduced new guidelines for the correct and uniform implementation of the Income Tax Code's provisions concerning individuals and tax residence.

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Switzerland

Switzerland & Italy establish new arrangements for remote work cross-border

Commuters from Italy and Switzerland will be eligible to work from home in either of the countries for more than 25 per cent of their working hours starting 1 January 2024.

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