

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Czech Republic

Visa ban extended for Russian and Belarusian nationals until 31 March 2024

Executive summary

On 22 March 2023, the Czech government extended its ban on the issuance of new visas and residence permits to Russian and Belarusian nationals until 31 March 2024.

Key developments

In March 2022, Czech embassies worldwide suspended the issuance of new visas and residence permits to most Russian and Belarusian nationals until 31 March 2023. This ban has now been extended by one year. Some categories of Russian and Belarusian nationals may continue to file new visa and residence permit applications, including family members of EU nationals who reside in the Czech Republic.

In general, existing valid Czech (short- and long-term) visas and residence permits held by Russian and Belarusian nationals may be used to enter or reside in the country. In addition, holders of long-term visas and residence permits may still renew these documents from within the Czech Republic, provided they meet all requirements for renewal.

Russian nationals who hold valid Schengen Visas issued by any EU Member State for tourism, sports or cultural purposes [remain prohibited](#) from entering the Czech Republic. This prohibition does not currently apply to Belarusian nationals.

Impact on employers

Employers that seek to attract/deploy Russian or Belarusian business travelers or workers to the Czech Republic may consider nationals of other jurisdictions to mitigate business disruptions.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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