

# Mobility: Immigration alert

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## Ecuador

Ecuador declares state of emergency until 8 March 2024

### Executive summary

Earlier this month, the Ecuadorian government declared a national state of emergency and introduced several interim policies - including some that impact immigration processes - as part of a plan to manage domestic security concerns.

### Key developments

The state of emergency is currently expected to end on/by 8 March 2024. Until that date, the following policy and process changes are in effect:

- ▶ Peruvian and Colombian nationals entering Ecuador by land must submit an apostilled criminal records certificate issued recently by competent authorities in their country of citizenship or the countries where they resided in the five years prior to entry, confirming that they do not have any criminal convictions during this time period.
- ▶ Freedom of movement is restricted in most of the country with an enforced curfew from 11 pm until 5 am local time. However, travel to and from airports during the curfew period is permitted for individuals traveling on scheduled flights. These individuals may be required to present their plane ticket to authorities if requested.

### Impact on employers

Companies that employ impacted individuals may inform them of the changes and stay updated with the ongoing developments to ensure their employees' safety and wellbeing and minimize 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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