



Mobility: Immigration alert

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Ghana

Temporary visa-on-arrival system for visitors

Executive summary

On 23 November 2023, Ghana announced the implementation of a visa-on-arrival (VOA) system for all individuals who enter Ghana between 1 December 2023 and 15 January 2024 for business or tourism purposes and stay for up to 30 days.

Key developments

Under the "December in Ghana" program, initiated by the Ghana Tourism Authority (GTA) to facilitate the entry of visitors during the upcoming festive season, foreign nationals will not be required to obtain a visa prior to traveling to Ghana for business or tourism purposes. These individuals will instead be granted a single-entry visa valid for up to 30 days upon arrival. Individuals who seek to work and reside in Ghana may also obtain a VOA and enter as a visitor between 1 December 2023 and 15 January 2024. However, they will be required to obtain an appropriate work and/or residence permit after arrival.

Impact on employers

The VOA system is expected to benefit employers that send their employees to Ghana for business purposes, as these individuals will not need to obtain a visa before entering Ghana within the aforementioned period.

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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