

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Japan

Japan lifts COVID-19 vaccination and testing requirements ahead of schedule

Executive summary

Effective 29 April 2023, inbound travelers are no longer required to get tested for COVID-19 prior to arrival or provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19 to be admitted to Japan.

Key developments

The Japanese authorities had previously announced that the requirement to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, or test negative for COVID-19 no more than 72 hours prior to travel, would be lifted on 8 May 2023.

Individuals who display symptoms of COVID-19 will be required to get tested upon arrival. Those who test positive must quarantine at a designated facility at the discretion of the authorities.

Impact on employers

The elimination of COVID-19 vaccination and testing requirements is expected to reduce costs for organizations that deploy their employees to Japan for assignment, employment or business purposes.

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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