



Mobility: Immigration alert

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Mexico

COVID-19-related relaxation for residence permit holders eliminated

Executive summary

Effective 19 September 2023, the temporary suspension of immigration-related deadlines for Mexican residence permit holders that was introduced following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic is no longer in effect.

Background

In early 2020, Mexico's National Immigration Institute (INM) suspended all immigration-related deadlines for holders of temporary and permanent residence permits (e.g., deadline to file extension applications or to notify the INM in case of changes in residents' personal information). The suspension was aimed at supporting individuals who could not timely visit the offices of the Mexican immigration authorities to complete necessary formalities due to medical emergencies or closures of country borders. Impacted individuals, such as those whose permits had expired or whose personal details (e.g., employer, address) had changed, were able to complete the necessary formalities (e.g., filing extension applications, making relevant notifications to the INM) until 18 September 2023 without any penalty.

Key developments

Effective 19 September 2023, individuals who hold expired residence permits but have not submitted an extension application as of this date, and those whose personal details have changed but who have not yet notified the INM, are subject to penalties (e.g., fines, revocation of their permits).

Impact on employers

Employers may ensure that their employees comply with all requirements to mitigate penalties and 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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