

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Mexico

New visa requirement for transit purposes

Executive summary

Effective 22 October 2023, individuals who require a visa to enter Mexico based on their nationality (“visa nationals”) will require a visa even if they are strictly seeking to transit through Mexico.

Key developments

Visa nationals will need to apply for, and obtain, a visitor visa (without authorization to perform remunerated activities), irrespective of the duration of their transit through Mexico. Currently, the ability of visa nationals to transit through Mexico without a visa is assessed on a discretionary, case-by-case basis. Click [here](#) for the list (in Spanish) of countries whose nationals require a visa to enter Mexico.

Visa nationals will remain exempt from presenting a Mexican visa (including for transit purposes) provided they have: (1) a valid visa issued by Canada, Japan, the United States of America, the United Kingdom or any of the countries comprising the Schengen Area, or (2) a valid permanent resident card issued by Canada, Chile, Colombia, Japan, Peru, the United States of America, the United Kingdom or any of the countries comprising the Schengen Area.

Impact on employers

Employers that deploy business travelers and assignees who transit through Mexico en route to their final destination may plan accordingly to avoid 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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