

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Costa Rica

Visa exemption for Honduran nationals

Executive summary

Effective 25 October 2023, Honduran nationals may enter Costa Rica without a consular visa for business or tourism.

Key developments

The visa exemption applies to holders of ordinary Honduran passports who enter Costa Rica for business and tourism, among other activities. These individuals may remain in Costa Rica for an initial period of up to 30 days and extend their stay for a cumulative period not exceeding 90 days. Honduran nationals must present the following upon arrival: a passport with a minimum validity of three months, proof of financial solvency, an outbound ticket and criminal record certificates issued no more than six months prior to travel by competent authorities in each of the countries where the individual has resided in the three years prior to travel. Individuals who transit through Costa Rica by air, and those who enter under the category of "international cargo transport personnel" and hold a carrier card proving that they are engaged in international transport activities, are exempt from the requirement to present a criminal record certificate.

Impact on employers

The relaxation of visa requirements is expected to benefit Costa Rican companies that sponsor the entry of Honduran business travelers by reducing the time and expense associated with admission to Costa Rica.

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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