

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Qatar

Qatar reduces time period for completion of residence permit application procedures

Executive summary

On 6 February 2024, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) [announced](#) that employers and foreign nationals must complete the residence permit application procedures within 30 days of their arrival in Qatar.

Key developments

Previously, employers and foreign nationals were required to complete the residence permit application procedures within three months of the individual's arrival in Qatar. This period has now been reduced to 30 days.

The MoI added that failure to adhere to the new requirement can lead to a penalty of QAR 10,000 (approx. USD 2,740).

Impact on employers

Employers may prepare impacted employees' information and documents prior to arranging their travel to Qatar to avoid delays in completing the relevant procedures and be compliant.

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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