

# Mobility: Immigration alert

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## Slovenia

### New regulations regarding Single Permits and residence permits

#### Executive summary

In late May 2023, the Slovenian authorities released further details regarding recent amendments to the Foreigners Act, which impact holders of Single Permits and residence permits.

#### Key developments

Pursuant to the recent amendments, Swiss nationals and family members of nationals of Switzerland, Slovenia and EU Member States, who were issued residence permits on or before 12 February 2022, must obtain new residence permits (which are issued in an updated format) by 3 August 2023.

The amendments also introduced the following changes:

- ▶ Individuals who apply to obtain an initial Single Permit or residence permit are no longer required to wait to receive a notification from the immigration authorities prior to submitting their fingerprints to a Slovenian embassy or consulate. They can now schedule an appointment to submit their fingerprints with the consulate or embassy after submitting their application.
- ▶ Single Permit holders are no longer required to obtain permission from both the employment and immigration authorities prior to changing their job or employer in Slovenia. They can now do so after obtaining permission from the employment authorities only.
- ▶ Single Permit and residence permit holders are no longer required to present proof of subsistence (e.g., bank statements) to the immigration authorities every six months.

They must now do so only as part of the initial and renewal application processes.

- ▶ Single Permit and residence permit holders who seek to renew their permits are no longer required to submit their fingerprints as part of the renewal process.
- ▶ Single Permit and residence permit holders whose renewal applications are approved will receive their new permits by mail. Currently, these individuals must collect their new permits in person from the offices of the immigration authorities. This change is expected to go into effect later in 2023.
- ▶ Effective 1 November 2024, applicants will be required to present Level A1 Slovenian language proficiency certificates (when seeking to extend their Family Reunification temporary residence permits) and Level A2 certificates (when applying to obtain new permanent residence permits). All individuals who apply to obtain new Single Permits or residence permits or extend their existing ones are now eligible for free Slovenian language courses.

#### Impact on employers

These amendments are expected to streamline and expedite the application process for employers and applicants and attract a broader pool of applicants.

## 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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