

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Sweden

Certification process for expedited processing of work permit applications to end on 15 December 2023

Executive summary

The Swedish Migration Agency recently announced that the current certification system for expedited processing of work permit applications will end on 15 December 2023, and a new application processing system will be implemented on 29 January 2024.

Background

Under the certification system, Swedish companies that fulfill certain criteria can apply to be certified by the Migration Agency to be eligible for expedited processing of work permit applications. On 17 May 2023, the Agency announced plans to replace the certification system with a new system for processing work permit applications.

Key developments

On 22 November 2023, the Migration Agency confirmed that qualifying companies will be able to submit work permit applications under the current certification system until 14 December 2023, and the Agency will attempt to process applications submitted between 15 December 2023 and 28 January 2024 under the new system. During this transition period, the Agency will focus on finalizing the procedure for processing work permit applications submitted by companies certified under the current system.

While further details are awaited, the new system is expected to streamline the processing of work permit applications filed under [Category A](#) (i.e., highly qualified third-country nationals holding occupations usually associated with [SSYK codes](#) starting with 1, 2 or 3). The intended government processing time for complete work permit applications that meet all requirements will be 30 calendar days (up to four months if they are incomplete or do not meet all requirements).

Impact on employers

Qualifying companies may submit work permit applications on or before 14 December 2023 to benefit from the certification system and adapt internal policies during the transition period to ensure they are compliant with the new system.

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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