

# Mobility: Immigration alert

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## Peru

### Peru announces new immigration policies for Resident Visa and Temporary Visa holders

#### Executive summary

The Peruvian Government recently announced the end of special measures that permitted holders of expired Peruvian Resident and Temporary Visas to remain in Peru without incurring fines or other penalties. The Government also announced that foreigners who were ordered to depart Peru but remained in the country due to COVID-19-related travel restrictions must depart no later than 3 September 2021 to avoid fines and other penalties.

#### Peruvian residents

The Peruvian Government recently announced that holders of Peruvian Resident Visas that expired between 16 March 2020 and 6 August 2021 may apply to renew their visas without incurring fines or other penalties, provided that they: (1) are present in Peru, (2) were continuously present in Peru from their visa expiry date until the date on which they file their visa renewal application, and (3) submit their visa renewal application on or before 19 August 2021.

The Government also announced that any time spent outside of Peru between 16 March 2020 and 19 August 2021 will not be counted against Peruvian Resident Visa holders. This means that Resident Visas held by foreigners who were outside of Peru for 183 days or more consecutively will not be cancelled if the 183-day threshold was reached in part due to time spent outside of the country between 16 March 2020 and 19 August 2021. In general, Peruvian Resident Visa holders who are outside of Peru for 183 consecutive days or more automatically forfeit their visa and must apply for a new one to be compliant with local immigration rules.

#### Temporary Visa holders

The Peruvian Government also recently announced that holders of Peruvian Temporary Visas that expired between 16 March 2020 and 6 August 2021 may depart Peru on or before 19 August 2021 without incurring fines or other penalties provided that they were continuously present in Peru from their visa expiry date due to COVID-19-related border closures and travel restrictions. The most common types of Peruvian Temporary Visas are Tourist Visas, Business Visitor Visas and Designated Worker Visas.

Holders of Peruvian Temporary Visas that expired on or before 15 March 2020 who remained in Peru continuously from their visa expiry date due to COVID-19-related travel restrictions may also apply to obtain a new visa under a different category (e.g., Resident Visa), provided that they submit their application no later than 6 September 2021.

#### Individuals with departure orders

The Government stated that foreigners who were ordered to depart Peru between 16 March 2020 and 6 August 2021 (e.g., following a denial of their visa application) but who remained in Peru continuously due to COVID-19-related travel restrictions, may depart the country on or before 3 September 2021 without incurring fines or other penalties.

#### 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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