

# Mobility: Immigration alert

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## Hong Kong

Applicants under four Talent Admission Schemes must now submit visa and entry permit applications online

### Executive summary

Effective 2 April 2023, individuals who seek to obtain new visas or entry permits, or renew their existing visas or entry permits, under four Talent Admission Schemes (TAS) must submit applications online.

### Key developments

Individuals who seek to obtain new visas or entry permits under the Quality Migrant Admission Scheme (QMAS), Technology Talent Admission Scheme (TechTAS), Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates (IANG) and Admission Scheme for the Second Generation of Chinese Hong Kong Permanent Residents (ASSG) are now required to submit applications online on the website of the Hong Kong Immigration Department (ImmD). Those who already hold visas or entry permits under these four schemes and seek to renew them must also apply online no more than four weeks prior to these documents' expiry.

Certain employers that seek to endorse employment details of applicants pursuant to the four schemes above must complete several processes before these individuals can submit applications online (e.g., uploading company documents and stamps to the ImmD portal).

### Impact on employers

While the new online system will simplify and streamline the application process for individual applicants, employers are expected to face less flexibility. They will be able to submit renewal applications on behalf of their impacted employees no more than four weeks prior to their visa or permit's expiry. Further, employers will be required to spend additional time and effort to comply with the new requirements. Companies may take these requirements into consideration when planning their employees' travel.

### 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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