



Mobility: Immigration alert

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China Mainland

New visa-free policy for nationals of France, Germany, Italy, Malaysia, the Netherlands and Spain

Executive summary

Effective 1 December 2023, nationals of France, Germany, Italy, Malaysia, the Netherlands and Spain may enter China Mainland for business, tourism or family visit purposes, or transit through China Mainland, without a visa.

Key developments

The visa exemption will apply to eligible holders of ordinary passports who enter China Mainland for the aforementioned purposes or transit via the jurisdiction. These individuals may remain in China Mainland for up to 15 days. This visa-free policy will remain in effect until 30 November 2024.

Impact on employers

The new policy is expected to benefit employers that send nationals of France, Germany, Italy, Malaysia, the Netherlands and Spain to China Mainland for business purposes by reducing the time and expenses associated with admission.

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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