

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Vietnam

Vietnam to increase the authorized period of stay for e-visa holders and certain visa-exempt nationals

Executive summary

Effective 15 August 2023, Vietnamese e-visas will be valid for up to 90 days and allow holders to enter and depart from the country multiple times. In addition, nationals of certain countries will be eligible to enter Vietnam without a visa for up to 45 days.

Key developments

The Vietnamese government recently approved Law No. 23/2023/QH15. Pursuant to this law, effective 15 August 2023, e-visa holders will be able to remain in Vietnam for up to 90 days (up from 30 days currently) and make multiple entries into Vietnam (compared to a single entry currently).

Further, effective 15 August 2023, nationals of Belarus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Norway, Russia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden and the UK will be able to enter Vietnam without a visa and remain for up to 45 days (up from 15 days currently) and apply to extend their visa-free stay in Vietnam. Currently, these individuals must exit the country no more than 15 days after their entry and cannot apply to extend their visa-free stay in Vietnam.

Impact on employers

These changes are expected to benefit employers that send employees to Vietnam for business by simplifying entry requirements and streamlining the immigration process.

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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