

# Mobility: Immigration alert

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## China Mainland

Resumption of visa issuance and 72/144-hour visa-free transit policy for Japanese nationals

### Executive summary

Effective 29 January 2023, the Chinese authorities resumed the issuance of visas to Japanese nationals and lifted the suspension on the 72/144-hour visa-free transit policy for these individuals.

### Key developments

Japanese nationals can now continue to apply for visas at Chinese embassies and consulates globally. In addition, they can once again transit through certain Chinese airports without obtaining a visa, provided they remain in the jurisdiction for up to 72 or 144 hours and meet all [requirements](#).

On 10 January 2023, the Chinese authorities [suspended](#) the issuance of certain visas (e.g., visas for the purpose of business, tourism and transit) to Japanese nationals. On 12 January 2023, they then suspended the 72/144-hour visa-free transit policy for these individuals.

### Impact on employers

This development is expected to enable employers to resume the timely deployment of Japanese nationals to China Mainland for assignment, employment or short-term business purposes.

### 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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