Mobility: Immigration alert

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Argentina

New entry rules for fully vaccinated citizens and residents of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay

Executive summary

The Argentine Government recently announced that fully vaccinated citizens and residents of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay may now enter Argentina. The Government also announced that it will grant admission to other fully vaccinated travelers, irrespective of their citizenship, starting on 1 November 2021.

Key issues

On 1 October 2021, the Argentine Government announced and implemented new entry rules for fully vaccinated citizens and residents of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay. Citizens and residents of these countries who received the final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days prior to their travel to Argentina, and were only present in these five countries in the 14 days immediately preceding their trip, are now admissible provided they take: (1) a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test no more than 72 hours prior to their trip (and test negative), (2) a rapid antigen COVID-19 test on arrival in Argentina, and (3) another PCR COVID-19 test on their fifth, sixth or seventh day in the country. Admissible fully vaccinated travelers who do not test positive for COVID-19 after arrival are not required to quarantine in Argentina.

Previously, citizens and residents of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay were inadmissible to Argentina, irrespective of their vaccination status, unless they were residents of Argentina, direct family members of Argentine citizens or otherwise expressly authorized to enter the country by the Argentine authorities. Citizens and residents of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay who are not fully vaccinated remain subject to these rules and may only enter Argentina if they ordinarily reside in Argentina, have direct family ties to Argentine citizens or receive advance, written approval to enter from the Argentine authorities, and they test negative for COVID-19 in advance of travel.

Citizens and residents of these five countries aged 17 or younger who are not fully vaccinated, may only enter Argentina provided they are accompanied by an admissible fully vaccinated parent and comply with the COVID-19 test requirements. In cases where unvaccinated minors enter Argentina with fully vaccinated parents, both the minors and the parents must quarantine for seven days after arrival at a facility approved by the Argentine Government.

The Argentine Government also announced that it will permit all fully vaccinated travelers, irrespective of their nationality, to enter the country as of 1 November 2021, provided they comply with all applicable entry requirements in effect at the time of their 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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