



Mobility: Immigration alert

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Poland

New, more lenient entry rules for certain business visitors and Turkish citizens

Executive summary

Citizens and residents of countries located outside of the European Union (EU), European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland may now enter Poland as business visitors by air, land or sea. Turkish citizens may now enter Poland by air, and in some cases, by land.

Business visitors

Effective 9 October 2021, citizens and residents of third countries (i.e., countries located outside of the EU, EEA and Switzerland) are now permitted to enter Poland as business visitors by air, land or sea, provided they: (1) limit their activities in Poland to permissible business visitor activities (e.g., attending meetings), (2) are sponsored by a Polish company that is registered with either the National Court Register or the Central Register and Information on Economic Activity, (3) hold a letter from the sponsoring entity inviting them to travel to Poland for business, and (4) are deemed to be bona fide business visitors by the Polish border authorities. Previously, following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, these travelers were not permitted to enter Poland as business visitors, unless they qualified under a specific exemption. Exempt travelers include dual nationals holding valid Polish passports, spouses and children of Polish citizens, holders of Polish work or residence permits, holders of EU long term residence permits, and citizens of Belarus, Switzerland, Ukraine, the UK and EU and EEA member states.

Turkish citizens

Effective 9 October 2021, Turkish citizens may enter Poland by air, irrespective of the purpose of their entry. Previously, Turkish citizens were barred from entering Poland unless they qualified for an exemption from the entry bar (e.g., they are spouses of Polish citizens).

Turkish citizens may enter Poland by land from EU member states irrespective of the purpose of their entry. They may only enter Poland by land from Belarus, Russia or Ukraine if they qualify for an exemption (e.g., they are spouses of Polish citizens). Additionally, Turkish citizens may only enter Poland by sea from Russia in limited situations (e.g., they are spouses of Polish citizens).

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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