



Mobility: Immigration alert

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Bahrain

Bahrain's Interior Ministry announces online service for renewal of residency and work permits from outside Bahrain

Executive summary

On 3 September 2023, Bahrain's Interior Ministry Undersecretary for Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) [announced](#) the introduction of a new service that allows individuals to renew their residency and work permits from outside Bahrain.

Key developments

According to the Interior Ministry Undersecretary for the NPRA, the new service is available to eligible foreign nationals working in commercial or government sectors, registered laborers and domestic workers. Individuals or their employers to whom the service applies can now apply to renew their: (a) residency permits via the National Portal of Bahrain, and (b) work permits using the [Expatriate Management System](#) or via official Labour Market Regularly Authority (LMRA) channels. Previously, applicants were required to be physically present in Bahrain to renew their work and residency permits.

Impact on employers

The introduction of the new service is expected to streamline the renewal process for holders of work and residency permits and their employers.

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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