

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Costa Rica

New visa requirement for nationals of Honduras

Executive summary

Effective 10 October 2023, nationals of Honduras must obtain a visa prior to entering Costa Rica for business or tourism or transiting through the country.

Key developments

Honduran nationals must apply for, and obtain, an entry visa from a Costa Rican consulate prior to travel. Applicants must have a passport that is valid for at least 180 days and present other required information and documents (e.g., invitation letter). Honduran nationals must use their visa for travel no more than 60 days after the visa's issuance. They are generally permitted to make a single entry into Costa Rica and remain in the country for up to 30 days. They may request an extension of their stay, for a cumulative period not to exceed 90 days.

Honduran nationals remain exempt from presenting a Costa Rican visa provided they have a valid visa or residence permit issued by Canada, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the United States or a Member State of the European Union.

Impact on employers

Employers that deploy Honduran business travelers to Costa Rica may plan accordingly to mitigate business disruptions.

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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