

# Sweden

Proposed changes for certain individuals residing in Sweden pursuant to the Temporary Protection Directive

## **Executive summary**

On 10 April 2024, the Swedish government proposed that certain individuals residing in Sweden pursuant to the EU Temporary Protection Directive (TPD) be able to register with the Swedish Population Registry and receive additional health and other benefits. The proposal, if passed, will become effective on 1 November 2024.

# Background

In March 2022, the Swedish government implemented the TPD for Ukrainian nationals and residents who arrived in the country from Ukraine on or after 30 October 2021. Under the TPD, these individuals cannot register with the Swedish Population Registry, similar to individuals who apply for asylum and are awaiting a decision. They may access free Swedish language classes offered by the municipalities and have limited access to medical care (i.e., for urgent matters only) and social security benefits.

# Key developments

Effective 1 November 2024, Ukrainian nationals who have held a Swedish residence permit for at least 12 months and who reside in Sweden for at least another six months will be able to register in the Swedish Population Registry. The population registration guarantees its holders expanded access to health and medical care, as well as dental care and other social security benefits (including parental benefits). Further details (including what will happen after 4 March 2025 when the TPD is set to expire) are expected to be released in the near future.

#### Impact on employers

Employers may communicate these changes to impacted employees so they may avail these benefits.

#### 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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