



Global Immigration alert

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China Mainland

China Mainland extends visa-free policy for 12 countries until 31 December 2025

Executive summary

On 7 May 2024, China Mainland announced that the visa-free policies for nationals of 12 countries are being extended until 31 December 2025.

Background

China Mainland introduced visa exemptions for nationals of the following jurisdictions during the period from December 2023 to March 2024: Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Ireland, Luxembourg, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Spain and Switzerland. These exemptions were initially in place until 30 November 2024.

Key developments

Qualifying nationals of the aforementioned jurisdictions can now continue to travel to China Mainland without a visa for up to 15 days per visit for the purpose of business, tourism or visiting family and friends, until 31 December 2025.

Impact on employers

The extension of these visa-free policies is expected to further benefit employers that send nationals of the impacted jurisdictions to China Mainland for business purposes by reducing the time and expenses associated with admission.

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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