

# Qatar

Qatar to enforce travel restrictions on individuals with unpaid traffic fines

## Executive summary

On 22 May 2024, Qatar's Ministry of Interior (MOI) <u>announced</u> on X the introduction of new regulations that will prohibit individuals with traffic violations from exiting Qatar until all fines are settled.

### Key developments

Effective 1 September 2024, individuals with traffic violations will not be able to exit Qatar through any of its borders (i.e., land, air or sea) until all fines are settled. Individuals can pay all traffic fines through the Metrash2 app, the MOI website, at traffic department offices or associated service centers.

The authorities also announced that individuals will be able to benefit from a 50% reduction on all traffic fines incurred in the past three years if they pay these fines between 1 June 2024 and 31 August 2024.

#### Impact on employers

Employers may ensure that impacted employees are aware of the new regulations to mitigate delays or complications in connection with departure from Qatar.

#### 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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