

Ukraine

Male Ukrainian citizens permanently residing in another country can no longer leave Ukraine

Executive summary

Effective 1 June 2024, male Ukrainian citizens between the ages of 18 and 60 who permanently reside in another country and have completed the deregistration process in Ukraine are prohibited from leaving Ukraine.

Background

In general, Ukrainian citizens who decide to leave Ukraine to permanently reside in another country are able to complete a deregistration procedure, which includes deregistering from various Ukrainian authorities (e.g., immigration, tax and military authorities). On 18 May 2024, the Ukrainian government implemented amendments to the rules regulating military service, mobilization and military registration, introducing additional obligations and restrictions on male Ukrainian citizens between the ages of 18 and 60. Male Ukrainian citizens who permanently reside in another country and had completed the deregistration process were still allowed to depart from Ukraine until 31 May 2024 on an exception basis.

Key developments

Effective 1 June 2024, the authorities revoked the option for male citizens who permanently reside in another country to depart from Ukraine or deregister from the Ukrainian military authorities. The same immigration restriction was already in place for Ukrainian male citizens who hold dual citizenship. Pursuant to the amendments introduced in May 2024, these individuals are also required to re-register with the military authorities if they had previously deregistered.

Impact on employers

Companies located outside Ukraine that employ impacted individuals may inform them of this development and review and update their workforce plans 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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