

# **Ecuador**

New entry visa requirement for Chinese nationals effective 1 July 2024

#### **Executive summary**

On 18 June 2024, the Ecuadorian Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced that, effective 1 July 2024, Chinese nationals will require an entry visa to enter the country.

## Key developments

Effective 1 July 2024, Chinese nationals who seek to enter Ecuador for business or tourism will be required to obtain an entry visa at an Ecuadorian consulate prior to travel.

In addition, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is working on a virtual consulate (i.e., an online portal) for individuals to submit their applications without going to an Ecuadorian consulate or embassy.

#### Impact on employers

Companies that seek to send impacted employees to Ecuador for business may take into account the new requirement and plan accordingly.

#### 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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