



Global Immigration alert

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China Mainland

Australian business visitors now eligible for five-year visas and new visa exemption policy for nationals of Australia, New Zealand and Poland

Executive summary

On 25 June 2024, China Mainland announced that Australian nationals are now able to obtain Chinese visas that are valid for up to five years for business, tourist or family visit purposes. In addition, effective 1 July 2024, nationals of Australia, New Zealand and Poland will be able to enter China Mainland without a visa and remain for up to 15 days per entry.

Key developments

Qualifying holders of ordinary Australian passports can now apply for multiple-entry visas that are valid for five years for business, tourism or family visits. Additionally, from 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2025, nationals of Australia, New Zealand and Poland who hold ordinary passports and seek to enter the Chinese Mainland for business, tourism or family visits for up to 15 days may do so without obtaining a visa.

Nationals of Australia, New Zealand and Poland who hold ordinary passports and seek to travel to China Mainland for more than 15 days for business, tourism, family visits or transit purposes, or for other purposes (e.g., employment, study), still require a visa prior to entry.

Impact on employers

The new policy is expected to benefit employers that send nationals of Australia, New Zealand and Poland 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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