



# Global Immigration alert

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## Türkiye

New visa-free policy for qualifying Iraqi business visitors

### Executive summary

Effective 1 September 2024, Iraqi nationals over the age of 50 may enter Türkiye for business purposes without a visa.

### Key developments

The new visa-free policy was announced by Turkish Foreign Affairs Minister Hakan Fidan and Iraqi Foreign Affairs Minister Fuad Hüseyin on 15 August 2024. Iraqi business visitors over the age of 50 can now enter and remain in Türkiye for up to 90 days in any 180-day period without a visa and conduct permitted business visitor activities. Those who seek to stay in the country for longer periods must obtain an appropriate visa or permit.

The Turkish Foreign Affairs Minister also announced that Iraqi nationals under the age of 15 may enter Türkiye without a visa.

### Impact on employers

The new policy is expected to benefit employers that send impacted individuals to Türkiye 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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