



# Global Immigration alert

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## Spain

### New visa requirement for Mauritanian nationals transiting through Spain

#### Executive summary

Effective 28 August 2024, most Mauritanian nationals must obtain a visa prior to transiting through Spain.

#### Key developments

This change impacts most Mauritanian passport holders transiting through Spain, irrespective of the duration of their transit through the country. These individuals must apply for a transit visa at a Spanish consulate abroad. Previously, these individuals could transit through Spain without obtaining a visa, provided they did not leave the airport transit area.

Mauritanian nationals are exempt from this requirement if they:

- ▶ Hold a Schengen Visa or a residence permit issued by an EU or European Economic Area (EEA) Member State, Andorra, Canada, Japan, San Marino, Switzerland, the US, or certain overseas territories of the Netherlands
- ▶ Hold a Mauritanian diplomatic passport
- ▶ Are family members of EU, EEA or Swiss nationals

#### Impact on employers

The new visa requirement may lead to additional administrative and financial burdens for companies. Employers may support impacted employees with obtaining a transit visa to ensure compliance and 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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