

Global Immigration alert

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China Mainland

New visa-free policy for nationals of Azerbaijan

Executive summary

Effective 16 July 2025, nationals of Azerbaijan will be eligible to enter the Chinese mainland for business, tourism or family visit purposes, or transit through the jurisdiction, without a visa.

Key developments

The visa-free policy will apply to eligible holders of ordinary passports issued by Azerbaijan. These individuals will be able to enter the Chinese mainland without a visa for up to 30 days per entry and up to 90 days cumulatively in any 180-day period. Those who do not meet the conditions for visa-free entry or intend to stay in the jurisdiction for more than 30 days per entry or 90 days cumulatively per 180-day period, will be required to obtain a visa and/or work authorization prior to entry.

Impact on employers

The new policy is expected to benefit employers that send nationals of Azerbaijan to the Chinese 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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