

Global Immigration alert

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Lithuania

Changes to the list of countries where applications may be submitted using external service providers

Executive summary

Lithuania's Minister of Interior Affairs recently announced changes to the list of countries where applicants can submit requests for temporary residence permits or national visas through an external service provider. These changes will take effect on 22 October 2025.

Background

Government-approved external service providers assist the Lithuanian Migration Department with providing various immigration services to applicants, including accepting visa and permit applications, collecting biometric data, and processing documents from applicants as required.

Key developments

On 22 October 2025, external service provider offices will close in Albania, Argentina, the United Arab Emirates, Tajikistan and Venezuela. New offices will open in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ghana, Vietnam and Zimbabwe. Additionally, an external service provider office in Mongolia opened on 1 July 2025 and is now serving the public. In general, the conditions for issuing temporary residence permits remain the same as [previously announced](#). However, new restrictions were announced for nationals of Azerbaijan, Ghana and Mongolia. Nationals of these countries may only apply for certain types of temporary residence permits (e.g., EU Blue Card, Intra-Corporate Transfer, family reunification) through an external service provider.

Impact on employers

These changes are expected to impact applicants from countries without a government-approved service provider. Lithuanian employers that seek to hire impacted individuals may consider alternative options for sponsoring these individuals.

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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