

Global Immigration alert

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China Mainland

China Mainland introduces new visa-free policy for nationals of Sweden and extends visa-free policy for nationals of 45 countries

Executive summary

Effective 10 November 2025, nationals of Sweden are eligible to enter the Chinese mainland for business, tourism or family visit purposes, or transit through the jurisdiction, without a visa. This policy will remain in effect until 31 December 2026. Additionally, the immigration authorities extended the visa-free policy for nationals of 45 countries until 31 December 2026.

Key developments

The extension of the visa-free policy applies to nationals of Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bulgaria, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, France, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Ireland, Japan, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Oman, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Switzerland, Slovenia, Slovakia, South Korea, the Netherlands, Uruguay and Saudi Arabia.

Eligible holders of ordinary passports issued by these countries, including Sweden, may enter the Chinese mainland without a visa and remain for up to 30 days per entry. Those who intend to stay in the jurisdiction for more than 30 days or do not meet the conditions for visa-free entry are required to obtain a visa prior to entry.

Impact on employers

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