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# Global Immigration alert

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## Qatar

### Suspension of visa-on-arrival facility for nationals of Pakistan

#### Executive summary

On 31 March 2026, Qatar suspended the visa-on-arrival (VoA) facility for Pakistani nationals with immediate effect, following an official advisory issued by the embassy of Pakistan in Doha, as per press reports. Pakistani nationals traveling to Qatar will no longer be permitted to obtain a visa on arrival and must now secure an appropriate visa prior to their departure for Qatar.

#### Key developments

The VoA facility with a 30-day validity for Pakistani nationals has been suspended. Entry into Qatar is no longer permitted without a valid visa obtained in advance. Alternatively, Pakistan nationals can apply for a [Hayya Entry Visa](#) prior to arriving in Qatar. Travelers arriving without a pre-approved visa may face difficulties entering Qatar. Authorities have not provided clarity on the duration of the restriction.

#### Impact on employers

Employers should remain abreast of the latest developments and inform impacted employees as required.

#### 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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