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India

India amends regulations relating to foreign nationals' registration with the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer

Executive summary

On 1 June 2026, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) amended regulations under the Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025, tightening the framework for registration with the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer (FRRO). The changes require foreign nationals intending to stay beyond 180 days to complete registration before reaching this threshold and clarify that any permission to remain beyond the permitted stay will be granted only in exceptional circumstances.

Key developments

Amendments outline the conditions and exemptions for the FRRO registration:

- Previously, foreign nationals entering India on a visa and planning to stay beyond 180 days were required to register within 14 days after reaching this threshold. Under the revised rules, they must initiate registration before completing 180 days of stay, and such registration will be approved only in exceptional circumstances.
- Previously, for children born to non-Indian parents, the birth was required to be reported to the FRRO within 30 days of birth for availing visa services including registration, a new visa or an exit permit. The amended rule clarifies that this requirement shall not apply provided either of the parents is an Indian citizen and such parent intends to retain Indian citizenship for the child. Further, if such a child acquires non-Indian citizenship during his/her stay in India, then either parent is required to report the changes to the local authorities within 30 days.

Foreign nationals whose visas specify "required to register within 14 days of arrival in India" must continue to complete registration within the stipulated 14-day period.

Impact on employers

Employers may stay updated with the latest developments, update their internal procedures and proactively inform impacted employees about the updated requirements.

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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