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Kuwait

Kuwait announces long-term residency of up to 15 years for investors and senior executives in KDIPA-licensed companies

Executive summary

On 14 June 2026, the Council of Ministers of Kuwait issued Resolution No. 651 of 2026 introducing a [new residency framework](#), allowing eligible foreign investors and senior executives in Kuwait Direct Investment Promotion Authority (KDIPA)-licensed companies to obtain residency permits valid for up to 15 years.

The initiative aims to strengthen Kuwait's position as an attractive destination for foreign direct investment by providing greater long-term residency stability for investors. The resolution was issued under Kuwait's Residency of Foreigners framework in coordination with the Ministry of Interior.

Key developments

Residency permits of up to 15 years are available to eligible investors under KDIPA-licensed entities, with defined criteria for issuance and renewal. Eligible beneficiaries include owners of licensed investment entities, business partners, KDIPA-approved senior executives and eligible immediate family members.

Key eligibility requirements include:

- A minimum investment of KWD5 million
- A minimum capital of KWD1 million for approved investment activities
- Active business operations in Kuwait
- Compliance with Kuwaiti national employment requirements and workforce thresholds

Impact on employers

KDIPA-licensed entities may benefit from greater residency stability for investors, senior executives and eligible family members, supporting talent retention, workforce continuity and reduced renewal 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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