

# Global Immigration alert

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## Guinea

### Guinea announces reciprocal visa measures for EU nationals following EU restrictions

#### Executive summary

On 24 July 2026, Guinea's Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Integration and Guineans Abroad announced reciprocal visa measures impacting European Union (EU) nationals. The measures include the temporary suspension of multiple-entry visas, extended visa processing timelines and the introduction of processing fees for holders of diplomatic and service passports.

#### Background

On 10 July 2026, the Council of the European Union announced temporary visa restrictions for Guinean nationals, including the suspension of multiple-entry visas, longer visa processing times and the removal of visa fee waivers for holders of diplomatic and service passports. Under the EU Visa Code, the European Commission regularly assesses the level of cooperation of non-EU countries in accepting back and confirming the identity of their citizens who do not have the right to stay in an EU Member State. Following a working session between Guinea's Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Integration and Guineans Abroad and the ambassadors of European Union Member States accredited to Guinea, the Guinean government announced three reciprocal measures applicable to EU nationals.

#### Key developments

The Guinean authorities announced the following measures for EU nationals:

- Temporary suspension of multiple-entry visas
- Extension of visa processing timelines
- Introduction of processing fees for holders of diplomatic and service passports

At the time of writing, visa issuance for EU nationals has not been suspended. However, the Guinean authorities have not published implementation guidance confirming the effective date, revised processing timelines, affected visa categories or transitional arrangements.

The Guinean government has stated that it intends to continue cooperating with the EU on immigration matters and has characterized the measures as reciprocal actions following the EU decision of 10 July 2026.

#### Impact on employers

The suspension of multiple-entry visas and longer processing times may affect EU nationals who travel regularly to Guinea for business activities. Although the authorities have not yet announced a formal implementation date, travelers may begin experiencing these impacts immediately. Employers may face reduced travel flexibility and additional administrative requirements pending further implementation guidance from the Guinean authorities.

#### 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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