

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Finland

Finland closes more border crossing points with Russia; one crossing point remains open

Executive summary

Effective 24 November 2023, Finland closed the crossing points of Kuusamo, Salla and Vartius along its eastern border with Russia. This development comes four days after Finland closed four other border crossing points. Individuals seeking to enter Finland from Russia can currently use only the crossing point of Raja-Jooseppi.

Key developments

On 22 November 2023, the government decided to close the crossing points of Kuusamo, Salla and Vartius until 23 December 2023. Currently, only the Raja-Jooseppi crossing point remains open to individuals entering from Russia, including Finnish citizens and non-Russian citizens, and to commercial traffic. Individuals who seek to apply for international protection may do so only at Raja-Jooseppi until other border crossing points are reopened.

On 18 November 2023, Finland had closed the border crossing points of Vaalimaa, Nuijamaa, Imatra and Niirala until 18 February 2024, in response to the increase in undocumented asylum seekers entering from Russia.

Crossing points that are currently closed may reopen before or after the planned date based on how the situation evolves.

Impact on employers

Companies that employ impacted individuals may inform them of the change and stay updated with ongoing developments to minimize delays and mitigate business disruptions.

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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