

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Finland

Finland closes last crossing point on land border with Russia

Executive summary

Effective 30 November 2023, Finland has closed the crossing point of Raja-Jooseppi along its eastern border with Russia, days after closing all other land crossing points between the two countries. As of this date, all border crossing points on the land border between Finland and Russia are closed until 13 December 2023.

Key developments

On 18 November 2023, Finland [closed](#) the border crossing points of Vaalimaa, Nuijamaa, Imatra and Niirala, in response to the increase in undocumented asylum seekers entering from Russia. On 22 November 2023, it closed the crossing points of Kuusamo, Salla and Vartius. Since then until 29 November 2023, only the Raja-Jooseppi crossing point [remained open](#) to individuals entering from Russia, including Finnish citizens and non-Russian citizens, and to commercial traffic.

Effective 30 November 2023 until 13 December 2023, individuals cannot apply for international protection at the crossing points on the land border between Finland and Russia. At Finland's external borders, they can apply for international protection only at open border crossing points for air and maritime traffic. Finnish nationals must also use open border crossing points.

Crossing points 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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