



Mobility: Immigration alert

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Finland

Finland border crossing points with Russia to remain closed until 11 February 2024

Executive summary

On 11 January 2024, the Finnish government announced that all crossing points on the land border between Finland and Russia will remain closed until 11 February 2024.

Background

On 18 November 2023, Finland [began closing](#) its border crossing points with Russia [in phases](#), in response to the increase in undocumented asylum seekers entering from Russia. Most cross-border movement was suspended, with certain exceptions. On 14 December 2023, the authorities [announced](#) that the entire eastern border will remain closed until 14 January 2024.

Key developments

The Finnish government recently announced that the closure of crossing points has been extended until 11 February 2024. Those who seek to apply for international protection at Finland's external borders may do so at airports and seaports. The Ministry of the Interior is examining other means to prevent threats to national security or public order.

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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