



Mobility: Immigration alert

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Finland

Land border closure with Russia to continue until further notice, multiple maritime border crossing points to close as of 15 April 2024

Executive summary

On 4 April 2024, the Finnish government announced that the ongoing land border closure with Russia, which was expected to end on 14 April 2024, will continue after that date until further notice.

Background

On 18 November 2023, Finland [began closing](#) its land 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 land border would remain closed until 14 January 2024. Finland [extended](#) the closure until 11 February 2024 and [then](#) 14 April 2024.

Key developments

The Finnish government recently announced that the closure of the land border crossing points has been extended until further notice. In addition, the closure has been extended to the border crossing points for maritime traffic at Haapasaari, Nuijamaa and Santio; these ports will be closed to leisure boating effective 15 April 2024. Those who seek to apply for international protection at Finland's external borders may do so at airports, as well as and seaports other than these three.

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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