

Mobility: Immigration alert

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New e-visa requirement for nationals of 10 countries who transit through Istanbul Airport

Executive summary

Effective 15 April 2024, nationals of 10 countries who seek to transit through Istanbul Airport en route to Colombia, Mexico, Panama or Venezuela must obtain an Electronic Airport Transit Visa in order to do so. Additionally, all travelers (regardless of their nationality) who are headed to destinations in Latin or South America and transit through Istanbul Airport may be subject to pre-travel screenings.

Key developments

The new transit visa requirement applies to citizens of Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Guinea, India, Mauritania, Nepal, Somalia and Yemen. These individuals may apply for the visa, which is free, [online](#). They will be required to provide their personal information and ticket numbers, print and retain a copy of their visa (once issued), and present it at the airport.

In addition, individuals traveling to destinations in Latin and South America, including Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico and Venezuela, who transit through Istanbul Airport may be subject to additional screenings. These screenings will be carried out by airline personnel at the request of the authorities of these destination countries. Travelers may be asked to provide copies of their hotel reservations and return flight tickets and/or proof of sufficient funds (e.g., in the form of cash or a valid credit card).

Impact on employers

Employers that deploy business travelers and assignees who transit through Istanbul Airport may plan accordingly to avoid 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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