

Global Immigration alert

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India

India launches new Fast Track Immigration Trusted Traveller Programme

Executive summary

On 22 June 2024, the government of India launched the Trusted Traveller Programme (TTP), which seeks to enhance efficiency and security at Indian borders by automating entry/immigration processes for qualifying travelers seeking admission to India.

Key developments

The TTP is being rolled out in two phases. On 22 June 2024, the first phase was implemented for eligible Indian nationals and foreign nationals holding OCI (i.e., Overseas Citizen of India) cards. In order to enter India under the TTP, interested individuals must first apply online via the government's [website](#) and submit their biometrics. This service is free of charge. Successful applicants will be added to India's "Trusted Travellers List" and be permitted to obtain immigration clearance automatically using specifically designated gates upon arrival. Indian nationals and OCI card holders who are approved to enter India under the TTP may do so via Delhi airport and the following seven airports: Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kochi, Kolkata and Mumbai. Successful applicants will remain enrolled in the TTP for up to five years or until their passport expires. Individuals who may be required by law enforcement agencies and courts to join investigations can be suspended from the TTP even after enrollment.

It is expected that the second phase of the TTP will be extended to foreign nationals at 21 airports across India. The implementation date of the second phase is yet to be announced.

Impact on employers

The TTP will streamline the entry/immigration clearance process for qualifying travelers upon arrival in India, and benefit these individuals (and in many cases, their employers).

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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