



Global Immigration alert

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Macau

Macau launches online entry authorization system for eligible Hong Kong permanent residents

Executive summary

Effective 19 July 2024, Macau introduced a new online entry system for certain Hong Kong permanent residents traveling to Macau.

Key developments

The new facility is available to Hong Kong residents aged 11 or above who hold a valid Hong Kong permanent identity card or an identity card containing the “*,” “****” or “R” symbol and are registered to use the [Automated Immigration Clearance Service](#) in Macau. These individuals can generate an encrypted QR code through the “Contactless e-Channel” mobile app and present the code to border officials when entering Macau, instead of presenting physical documents. This new service is not mandatory, and individuals may choose to present physical documents when entering Macau.

Eligible individuals who are not yet registered with the Automated Immigration Clearance Service can activate this service using the mobile app and then generate a QR code to enter Macau.

Impact on employers

This new system is expected to benefit employers by streamlining the travel and immigration process for Hong Kong permanent residents who enter Macau.

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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