



Global Immigration alert

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Pakistan

Pakistan implements new visa policies for business visitors from several countries

Executive summary

The visa policy changes [announced](#) by the Pakistan Prime Minister in late July 2024 went into effect on 23 August 2024.

Key developments

Effective 23 August 2024:

- ▶ Nationals of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Member States (i.e., Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE) who seek to visit Pakistan for business or tourism purposes can enter Pakistan without a visa for up to 90 days and exit and re-enter the country multiple times during their authorized stay period. Business visitors are eligible to conduct certain approved activities, including attending short-term meetings, participating in conferences and seminars, and finalizing business contracts, among others.
- ▶ Business visitors from [126 countries](#) that Pakistan designates as “business friendly” are now eligible to apply for visas on arrival in Pakistan without paying any fee. Previously, these individuals were required to obtain a visa prior to arrival and were subject to visa fees.

Impact on employers

These changes are expected to benefit employers that send impacted individuals to Pakistan for business purposes by simplifying entry requirements and reducing the time to enter the country.

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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