



# Global Immigration alert

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## Türkiye

### Türkiye introduces new Tech Visa program

#### Executive summary

The Turkish authorities recently began accepting applications under a new Tech Visa program for qualifying foreign nationals (including both employees and entrepreneurs) with expertise in the field of technology.

#### Key developments

Effective 16 September 2024, the Tech Visa program is open to eligible foreign nationals with expertise in technology who seek to undertake work (i.e., employees) or establish a startup (i.e., entrepreneurs) in Türkiye. To apply for the program, individuals must first apply for a work visa with a Turkish embassy or consulate and then for a work permit with the Ministry of Labor and Social Security in Türkiye. If eligible, the Ministry will issue a work permit under the Tech Visa program, which will be valid for up to three years. Holders of these permits will receive several benefits, such as income and corporate tax exemptions, financial support (including venture capital financing opportunities and access to the Türkiye Tech Visa Fund), support with accessing relevant resources (e.g., mentors, office spaces in technoparks), healthcare insurance and a simplified process to bring in dependents.

#### Impact on employers

The new policy is expected to benefit employers by enhancing their access to global tech talent and streamlining and expediting the immigration process for qualifying foreign nationals.

#### 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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