



Global Immigration alert

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Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia suspends short-term visas for nationals of 14 countries

Executive summary

On 13 April 2025, Saudi Arabia temporarily suspended the issuance of short-term visas to nationals of 14 countries until further notice, according to recent press reports.

Key developments

The issuance of short-term visas, including business visit visas, tourist visas, and family visit visas for both single and multiple entries, is currently suspended for nationals of Algeria, Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Libya, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sudan, Tunisia and Yemen. This decision aims to effectively manage travel in anticipation of the upcoming Hajj season. The issuance of these visas is expected to resume after Dhul Hijjah, in mid-June 2025.

Impact on employers

This development is expected to impact employers sending employees from the abovementioned countries to Saudi Arabia for business purposes, potentially leading to delays in travel plans and project timelines.

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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