

# Global Immigration alert

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## Israel

### Automatic extension of B-1 visas for Foreign Experts due to the current security situation in Israel

#### Executive summary

The Israeli Population and Immigration Authority (PIBA) announced that certain B-1 visas for foreign experts are automatically extended until 31 July 2025.

#### Travel to and from Israel

The outbreak of the current armed conflict has, among other things, created challenges for individuals seeking to depart Israel. Land Borders are open through Jordan and Egypt and flights are operating with limited numbers of travelers allowed on board. As a ceasefire recently came into effect, an announcement was issued stating that Israeli skies will reopen, and flights will be permitted to enter and exit Israel as previously. Embassies and Consulates in Israel have been either closed to the public or providing limited services for urgent situations only. Gradually, these are expected to operate as previously in the next few days. This information is valid as of 25 June 2025 and may change with advance little notice based on evolving conditions on the ground.

#### Extension of B-1 visas for foreign experts

In light of the current situation, the PIBA has decided to centrally and automatically extend the validity of B-1 visas for foreign experts that expired or will expire between 13 June 2025 and 30 July 2025 until 31 July 2025. Impacted individuals are not required to contact the PIBA or submit an extension application. The extension is only being granted to foreign experts currently in Israel who have not departed the country. For those who have departed Israel and whose B-1 visas have expired, it may be necessary to apply to renew or extend their visas at an Israeli consulate abroad. Exemptions to the consular application process may be available in certain (but not all) cases.

#### Impact on employers

Employers may consider pathways for departing Israel and communicate this information (as well as information regarding the automatic extension of B-1 visas) to impacted employees.

#### 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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