

Global Immigration alert

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European Union

Updated visa rules for Turkish nationals traveling to the Schengen Area

Executive summary

The EU recently adopted updated rules for Turkish nationals seeking to apply for Schengen visas. Turkish nationals with an established travel history may now obtain multiple entry Schengen visas which are valid for a longer duration.

Key developments

Effective 15 July 2025, Turkish nationals residing in Türkiye are eligible for a one-year multiple entry Schengen visa, provided they were issued two Schengen visas within the preceding three years. Eligible applicants may now receive multiple entry visas as described below:

- *First visa:* Issued as a single or multiple entry visa for the period of intended travel
- *Second visa:* Issued as a multiple entry visa valid for 90 days in a six-month period
- *Third visa:* Issued as a multiple entry visa that is valid for one year and permits stays of up to 90 days within any six-month period
- *Subsequent visas:* Valid for periods of up to three or five years with permitted stays of up to 90 days within any six-month period. Issuance of these visas will depend on the applicant having complied with all the terms and requirements of the Schengen visas they were issued previously.

The updated rules do not apply to truck drivers.

Impact on employers

Employers that sponsor the entry of Turkish nationals for business purposes are expected to benefit from the new rules by reducing the time and costs associated with obtaining Schengen visas.

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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