



Global Immigration alert

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Qatar

New on-arrival medical examination requirement for nationals of the Philippines

Executive summary

On 20 August 2025, Qatar's Ministry of Public Health [announced](#) that nationals of the Philippines who seek to reside in the country are now required to undergo a medical examination upon arrival.

Key developments

Prior to the latest development, nationals of the Philippines entering Qatar on residence visas were required to complete a mandatory medical examination at an approved Qatar Visa Center in their home country prior to travel. Pursuant to the new announcement, a second medical screening is now required upon arrival in Qatar. This examination, conducted at the Medical Commission, aims to ensure that new entrants are free of communicable diseases before their residence permits are issued. The examination is part of Qatar's broader public health strategy.

Impact on employers

Employers may inform impacted employees about the new requirement to manage employee expectations and mitigate potential business disruptions.

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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