



Global Immigration alert

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China Mainland

New visa-free policy for nationals of Russia

Executive summary

Effective 15 September 2025, nationals of Russia will be eligible to enter the Chinese mainland for business, tourism or family visit purposes, exchange visit purposes, or transit through the jurisdiction, without a visa. This visa-free policy will remain in effect until 14 September 2026.

Key developments

The visa-free policy will apply to eligible holders of ordinary passports issued by Russia. These individuals will be able to enter the Chinese mainland without a visa and remain for up to 30 days per entry. Those who intend to stay in the jurisdiction for more than 30 days or do not meet the conditions for visa-free entry will be required to obtain a visa prior to entry.

Impact on employers

The new policy is expected to benefit employers that send impacted individuals to the Chinese mainland for business purposes by reducing the time and expenses associated with admission.

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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