



Global Immigration alert

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India

India introduces new e-Arrival Card requirement

Executive summary

Effective 1 October 2025, all foreign nationals entering India are required to apply for an e-Arrival Card within 72 hours prior to arrival, with limited exceptions.

Key developments

The new requirement applies to all foreign nationals, including those holding regular visas and e-visas. Indian passport holders and Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card holders are exempt from this requirement.

Eligible individuals may apply for the e-Arrival Card through the Indian Visa Online [website](#), the Bureau of Immigration [website](#) or the “Su-Swagatam” mobile app by submitting their contact details, passport information, purpose of visit and accommodation details. Upon successful submission, they will receive a digital confirmation (i.e., either a QR code or reference number), which must be presented at the airport, along with their passport.

The e-Arrival Card replaces the paper disembarkation form and is part of broader efforts to streamline immigration clearance and enhance the arrival experience. While the paper form remains available during a six-month transition period, the authorities encourage travelers to use the new online system to benefit from faster immigration processing.

Impact on employers

Employers may inform the 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 connect one of our immigration professionals.



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