

Global Immigration alert

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Singapore updates renewal process for Re-Entry Permits for permanent residents

Executive summary

Effective 1 December 2025, the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) will implement changes impacting permanent residents who apply for Re-Entry Permits (REP).

Background

Upon approval of permanent resident (PR) status to eligible foreign nationals, the ICA issues an Entry Permit (EP) which allows them to enter once and remain in the country, as well as a REP which allows them to exit and re-enter the country over a fixed period. Currently, permanent residents who are outside the country without a valid REP lose their PR status immediately. However, they may apply for a new REP within a one-month grace period and have their PR status reinstated at the ICA's discretion.

Key developments

Starting on 1 December 2025, impacted individuals with expired REPs who are outside Singapore on or after 1 December 2025 will have a grace period of 180 days to apply for a new REP through the ICA [website](#), and if approved, they will not lose their PR status.

During the grace period, the ICA may allow eligible individuals to re-enter the country by issuing a Single-Entry Pass (PRSEP) upon arrival. However, these individuals may lose their PR status if their REP application gets rejected. In these cases, they may be issued a Visitor Pass if they are in Singapore. They may then submit a new permanent residence application.

While permanent residents who remain in the country after the expiry of their REP will maintain their lawful status, the authorities recommend these individuals renew their REP three months before its expiry or apply for a new REP before they exit the country.

Impact on employers

The revised process aims to provide greater clarity and predictability for permanent residents and employers, while emphasizing the importance of maintaining a valid REP.

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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