

Global Immigration alert

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Israel

Increased salary requirements for certain B-1 Visa applications and higher processing fees for all B-1 Visa applications

Executive summary

Effective 1 January 2026, Israel increased the minimum salary requirements for B-1 Work Visa applicants who either seek to work in the country for more than three months or are sponsored by high-tech companies that are recognized by the Israeli Innovation Authority (irrespective of their intended stay). Additionally, the authorities increased the government processing fees for all B-1 Visa applications.

Key developments

Foreign nationals who seek to work in Israel for more than three months (under a B-1 Visa) must now earn a minimum base monthly salary (not including overtime and certain allowances) that equals or exceeds ILS 27,132 or approx. USD 8,610 (up from ILS 26,306 or approx. USD 8,350). This also applies to foreign experts who are employed (under a B-1 Visa) by organizations that are recognized as high-tech companies by the Israeli Innovation Authority, regardless of the duration of their work in the country.

The salary requirements for foreign employees, which are subject to periodic adjustments at the discretion of the immigration authorities, are linked to the average monthly salary in Israel, which increased on 1 January 2026 to ILS 13,566 or approx. USD 4,306 (up from ILS 13,153 or approx. USD 4,175).

Foreign nationals who apply for B-1 Work Visas for Experts and seek to work in Israel for up to three months are not subject to the increased salary requirements. These individuals must earn a monthly salary that equals or exceeds the minimum monthly salary in Israel, which is currently ILS 6,248 or approx. USD 1,983. This amount is expected to increase in April 2026.

In addition, effective 1 January 2026, the government processing fees for all B-1 Visa applications (irrespective of sponsor or duration of stay) increased as follows:

- Stage 1 (work permit application): ILS 1,420 or approx. USD 450 (up from ILS 1,390 or approx. USD 441)
- Stage 2 (visa valid for up to one year): ILS 11,525 or approx. USD 3,658 (up from ILS 11,260 or approx. USD 3,574)
- Stage 3 (multiple-entry visa): ILS 205 or approx. USD 65 (up from ILS 200 or approx. USD 63)

Impact on employers

Employers may take into account the revised requirements and update their internal policies as required to ensure compliance and minimize 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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