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Hong Kong

Hong Kong extends visa renewal window to three months for certain categories

Executive summary

Effective 1 March 2026, the Hong Kong Immigration Department will accept visa renewal applications from eligible individuals under various employment and talent admission schemes within three months (up from one month currently) prior to the expiry of their visa.

Key developments

Individuals who are permitted to work or reside in Hong Kong under the General Employment Policy (GEP), Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals (ASMP), Technology Talent Admission Scheme (TechTAS), Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates (IANG), Quality Migrant Admission Scheme (QMAS), Admission Scheme for the Second Generation of Chinese Hong Kong Permanent Residents (ASSG), as well as their dependents, will be able to submit renewal applications within three months before their current visa expires.

The new arrangement gives applicants more time to prepare and submit their visa renewal applications, thereby further facilitating their continued residence in Hong Kong.

This adjustment also aligns the renewal arrangements of these schemes with the Top Talent Pass Scheme (TTPS), which already offers the same three months' renewal application period.

Impact on employers

Employers may consider updating their internal processes and informing their employees regarding the latest updates.

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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