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# Global Immigration alert

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## Kuwait

### Kuwait announces automatic extension of visit visas and absence permits

#### Executive summary

The Kuwait Ministry of Interior (MOI) has [announced](#) a one-month automatic extension for all visit visas expiring on or after 28 February 2026. Additionally, residents currently outside Kuwait who have exceeded their permitted absence period, will receive an automatic three-month absence permit.

#### Key developments

Both extensions are issued electronically and are exempt from any in-person procedures, fees or penalties. According to the MOI, both measures may be extended further as the regional situation evolves and individuals should monitor official channels for ongoing updates.

During this temporary period, no fines or fees will be applied, offering flexibility and relief to those who are impacted by travel limitations. Employees abroad may use this extended window to plan their return once conditions improve.

#### Impact on employers

Employers are not required to take any immediate action, as all visa extensions and absence permits are being processed automatically through the MOI's electronic system. This removes the need for employer intervention and ensures that employee statuses remain valid during the temporary measures. The automatic extensions help maintain employees' legal residency status, preventing penalties and supporting a smoother reintegration once travel normalizes.

Employers should, however, anticipate potential delays in facilitating the return of employees who are currently outside Kuwait. HR teams are advised to closely monitor MOI communications, as both the situation and the extension periods may evolve.

#### 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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