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Qatar

Qatar suspends visa-on-arrival facility for nationals of Lebanon

Executive summary

On 2 April 2026, Qatar suspended the visa-on-arrival (VoA) facility for nationals of Lebanon with immediate effect, following an [official](#) advisory issued by the embassy of Lebanon in Doha. Nationals of Lebanon traveling to Qatar are no longer eligible for VoA and must now secure an appropriate pre-approved visa prior to their departure for Qatar.

Key developments

The suspension of the VoA facility applies to all travel categories, including business, employment, tourism and family visits. Nationals of Lebanon arriving in Qatar without a pre-approved visa may face boarding restrictions, immigration delays, or refusal of entry at Qatari ports of entry. The embassy of Lebanon in Qatar has formally notified its citizens of the VoA suspension and urged travelers to ensure visa compliance before making travel arrangements.

While the measure has been linked to the current situation, the authorities have not disclosed specific operational, security or policy details. The duration of the suspension is unknown at present.

Impact on employers

Employers should remain abreast of developments and inform impacted employees as required.

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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