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# Global Immigration alert

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## Nigeria

### Nigeria introduces enhanced scrutiny for applications for Russian nationals

#### Executive summary

In response to recent geopolitical developments, Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) recently introduced enhanced scrutiny measures for e-CERPAC and e-TWP applications involving Russian nationals.

#### Key developments

These measures are understood to be linked to the current geopolitical situation in the region and reciprocity considerations between Nigeria and Russia. As a result, processing timelines are uncertain, and delays are highly likely, including for applications already under review.

#### Impact on employers

Employers should exercise caution when considering assignments involving Russian nationals to Nigeria, particularly where deployment timelines are business critical. Where operational urgency exists, companies may evaluate alternative resourcing options to mitigate potential business disruption. This may include deployment of qualified personnel of other nationalities where appropriate.

#### 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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