



# Global Immigration alert

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## China Mainland

China Mainland extends visa-free policy for 12 countries until 31 December 2025

### Executive summary

On 7 May 2024, China Mainland announced that the visa-free policies for nationals of 12 countries are being extended until 31 December 2025.

### Background

China Mainland introduced visa exemptions for nationals of the following jurisdictions during the period from December 2023 to March 2024: Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Ireland, Luxembourg, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Spain and Switzerland. These exemptions were initially in place until 30 November 2024.

### Key developments

Qualifying nationals of the aforementioned jurisdictions can now continue to travel to China Mainland without a visa for up to 15 days per visit for the purpose of business, tourism or visiting family and friends, until 31 December 2025.

### Impact on employers

The extension of these visa-free policies is expected to further benefit employers that send nationals of the impacted jurisdictions to China Mainland for business purposes by reducing the time and expenses associated with admission.

### 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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