



Global Immigration alert

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Costa Rica

Changes in consular registration and fingerprinting requirements effective July 2025

Executive summary

Effective 1 July 2025, Costa Rica will introduce changes to its consular registration and fingerprinting requirements for individuals who apply for temporary residence or Special Category Visas.

Background

Applications for temporary residence and Special Category Visas can be submitted only within Costa Rica. Currently, individuals who submit any of these applications must register with the consulate of their home country in Costa Rica and submit their fingerprints to the Costa Rican Ministry of Justice within 90 days of submitting their application.

Key developments

Effective 1 July 2025, these individuals will be required to complete the consular registration process and fingerprint submission before they file their application for temporary residence or Special Category Visas and submit evidence that they completed these two preliminary steps before filing their application.

Impact on employers

Employers may support impacted employees by coordinating and facilitating actions to ensure compliance with these new requirements.

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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