



Mobility: Immigration alert

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Kenya

Kenya eliminates visa requirement for nationals of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Executive summary

Effective 1 September 2023, nationals of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) can enter Kenya for business purposes without a visa.

Key developments

The elimination of the visa requirement for business visitors from the DRC is aimed at facilitating free movement of individuals within the East African Community member states. In July 2022, the DRC became the seventh member of the East African Community. In July 2023, the Kenyan government issued a directive regarding the facilitation of a visa waiver for DRC nationals traveling to Kenya. With the implementation of this directive, effective 1 September 2023, DRC nationals are now Category 1 nationals (instead of Category 2, as previously) and they do not require a visa to travel to Kenya.

Impact on employers

This development is expected to benefit employers that send impacted individuals to Kenya for business purposes by simplifying entry 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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