

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Philippines

Medical clearance certificates no longer required for certain visa applications

Executive summary

The Philippines Bureau of Immigration recently announced that nationals of 52 countries are no longer required to obtain a medical clearance certificate from the Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ) as part of certain visa application processes.

Key developments

Effective 1 February 2024, nationals of the following countries who seek to apply for Immigrant, Non-immigrant or Special Visas are exempt from the requirement to obtain a medical clearance certificate from the BOQ: Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, French Guiana, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Suriname, Syria, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Venezuela and Vietnam.

The Philippines government had started requesting a medical clearance certificate from immigration applicants in June 2014 as part of its strategy to control the spread of ebola.

Impact on employers

The new regulation is expected to benefit employers by streamlining the immigration process for employees who seek to apply for a visa in The Philippines.

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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