



Global Immigration alert

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Türkiye

Simplified residence permit application process for certain individuals

Executive summary

Eligible individuals who file a Turkish residence permit application via a notary public office are no longer required to attend an appointment as part of the application process.

Key developments

This recent change was implemented based on a protocol signed between the Turkish Notaries Association and the Turkish Ministry of Interior. The exemption from having to attend an appointment with the Turkish immigration authorities is available only to individuals who file a residence permit application (either themselves or through an authorized lawyer holding a power of attorney) via a notary public office. These applicants are required to pay a fee for using the services of a notary public office.

Qualifying dependents of residence permit holders are still required to visit the offices of the immigration authorities to submit their fingerprints within 20 business days of their application being approved.

Impact on employers

The new exemption from having to attend an appointment is expected to shorten the application processing time, as applicants were previously required to wait for two to three weeks to get an appointment date. Employers may benefit from fewer restrictions with respect to planning employees' business travels and meetings.

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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