



Global Immigration alert

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China Mainland

Non-Chinese nationals with Hong Kong or Macao permanent residency now eligible for five-year China Mainland travel permit

Executive summary

On 1 July 2024, China Mainland announced a new policy allowing non-Chinese nationals with permanent residency in Hong Kong or Macao to apply for China Mainland travel permits, which will facilitate business travel. The authorities will begin accepting applications for these permits on 10 July 2024.

Key developments

These travel permits will be valid for up to five years and allow holders to stay in China Mainland for up to 90 days per entry for various purposes, including business, investment or visiting family.

Travel permit holders who seek to work, study or report news in China Mainland must obtain appropriate visas. In addition, individuals who enter China Mainland for business and remain for more than 90 days cumulatively in a calendar year will be considered to be in China Mainland for employment purposes and require work authorization.

Impact on employers

The new policy is expected to benefit employers that send foreign passport holders who have Hong Kong or Macao permanent residency status 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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