



Global Immigration alert

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Hong Kong

Hong Kong digitizes various immigration application processes

Executive summary

Effective 17 January 2025, individuals who apply to obtain new entry visas or extend their current visas under various immigration policies/schemes must file their applications online.

Key developments

Individuals who seek to obtain new entry visas or extend their existing visas under certain admission policies/schemes can no longer file their applications in person, by mail or via application submission boxes. Instead, they must complete and submit their applications through the Hong Kong Immigration Department's [website](#) or mobile app or the Hong Kong government's [website](#). This change impacts the following categories and policies/schemes:

- ▶ General Employment Policy (both employees and individuals who make investments as entrepreneurs)
- ▶ Admission Scheme for Mainland Talents and Professionals
- ▶ Capital Investment Entrant Scheme
- ▶ Entry for Residence as Dependents
- ▶ Training
- ▶ Working Holiday Scheme

Applicants can also upload supplementary documents (if any) and track the status of their submitted applications through these online channels.

Impact on employers

This change is expected to streamline the immigration process. Impacted employers and employees may familiarize themselves with the online application process and 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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