



Global Immigration alert

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Japan

Japan implements relaxed requirements for Ukrainian nationals seeking to obtain short-term visas

Executive summary

On 24 June 2024, Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs relaxed the requirements for Ukrainian nationals seeking to obtain short-term visas to enter Japan for business and other purposes.

Key developments

On 24 June 2024, the following changes went into effect:

- ▶ *Multiple-entry visas for business purposes:* Full-time employees of Ukrainian companies involved in cooperation projects between Japan and Ukraine are now eligible for multiple-entry visas for business purposes.
- ▶ *Multiple-entry visas for individuals with "high income":* Ukrainian nationals who meet applicable minimum income requirements and are considered "high-income" individuals can now apply for multiple-entry visas. These visas are valid for up to five years and allow holders to visit Japan for up to 90 days per visit.
- ▶ *Multiple-entry visas for relatives of Ukrainian refugees:* Family members of Ukrainian nationals who arrived in Japan following the outbreak of the conflict in Ukraine (and are now residing in Japan) can apply for multiple-entry visas for short-term stay purposes.

Impact on employers

These changes will benefit employers by providing them greater access to impacted Ukrainian professionals, including business visitors.

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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