



Global Immigration alert

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Japan

New visa-free policy for eligible Panamanian nationals

Executive summary

In April 2024, Japan implemented a visa-free policy for eligible Panamanian nationals.

Key developments

Effective 1 April 2024, Panamanian nationals who hold ePassports that are in compliance with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) [standards](#) can enter Japan without a visa and stay for up to 90 days per visit. Those who do not hold such ePassports must still apply for and obtain a visa prior to entering Japan.

Impact on employers

The visa-free policy is expected to benefit employers that send impacted individuals to Japan 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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