



Mobility: Immigration alert

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Netherlands

New “visa-exempt” period for eligible holders of expiring residence permits

Executive summary

Effective 15 February 2024, visa-exempt third-country nationals who hold a Dutch residence permit can remain in the Schengen Area for up to 90 days after the expiry of their residence permit and are no longer required to depart from the Schengen Area.

Key developments

Previously, third-country nationals who were visa-exempt for entry into the Netherlands based on their nationality and held a Dutch residence permit were required to depart from the Netherlands (and the Schengen Area) before the expiry of their permit. If they sought to prolong their stay in the Schengen Area (or the Netherlands) after their permit expired, they were required to depart from the Schengen Area and could then re-enter using a valid passport for up to 90 days in a 180-day period. Individuals may visit [NetherlandsWorldwide](#) to confirm whether they require an entry visa to enter the Netherlands.

Impact on employers

This change is expected to benefit companies by enabling them to mitigate potential business disruptions caused due to the expiry of their employees' residence authorization.

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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