



Global Immigration alert

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Philippines

New immigration requirement for 9(g) Commercial Visa holders who are promoted

Executive summary

The Philippines Bureau of Immigration (BI) recently updated the immigration requirements for 9(g) Commercial Visa holders who are promoted within their current company.

Key developments

As of early July 2024, holders of valid 9(g) Commercial Visas who are promoted within their current companies are no longer required to downgrade their 9(g) Visa to a 9(a) Temporary Visitor's Visa or convert to another 9(g) Commercial Visa. Instead, employers must apply to extend the validity period of these individuals' current 9(g) Visas.

To do so, employers must first submit a Notice of Promotion (including a copy of the individual's promotion letter) to the BI and file an extension application within 30 days of submitting the Notice. They must also request cancellation of the individual's existing Alien Certificate of Registration Identification Card (ACR I-Card) and apply for a new one that lists the individual's new position. The extension period of the 9(g) Commercial Visas will be in line with the expected duration of the individual's new position, and the new ACR I-Card will be issued for the same duration as the extension period.

Non-compliance with these requirements may lead to rejection of the extension application and cancellation of the individual's existing 9(g) Commercial Visa along with an [Order to Leave](#).

Impact on employers

The new process is expected to benefit employers by simplifying the immigration requirements for impacted employees.

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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