



Global Immigration alert

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Slovenia

New language requirements for certain foreign nationals

Executive summary

Effective 1 November 2024, certain foreign nationals will be required to meet Slovenian language requirements to be eligible to extend their current residence permits or apply for permanent residence permits.

Key developments

The following individuals will be subject to the new language requirements:

- ▶ Residence permit holders who are dependents of Single Permit holders. These individuals will be required to clear the “Slovenian language test at the survival level” to be eligible to extend their permits. This is an oral exam that tests basic communication skills which are expected to be used in simple, predictable everyday situations.
- ▶ Permanent residence permit applicants. These individuals will be required to submit a certificate verifying that they have successfully cleared the Slovenian language exam at the basic level (i.e., A2 Level).

The aforementioned individuals may enroll in a free 180-hour language course and, if necessary, an additional 60-hour course. Individuals who seek to enroll in these courses must first confirm their eligibility by submitting a request to the relevant Slovenian administrative unit.

Impact on employers

Employers may take into consideration the language requirements when sponsoring impacted foreign nationals and support them (and their dependents) with meeting the 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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