

Global Immigration alert

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Ghana

Ghana introduces e-Visa and waives visa fees for African nationals

Executive summary

Effective 25 May 2026, Ghana introduced an e-Visa platform for business travelers and tourists, with decisions expected within 48 hours for complete applications. Additionally, all African nationals traveling to Ghana for business and tourism are exempt from visa fees.

Key developments

Key changes include the following:

- Effective 25 May 2026, travelers seeking to enter Ghana for business or tourism may now apply through the electronic visa [portal](#). This enables applicants to complete the process online without visiting a Ghanaian embassy or consulate in person.
- Applicants must upload the relevant supporting documents electronically and, where applicable, pay the prescribed fee online.
- Approved visas are issued electronically and delivered via email to applicants. Complete applications are expected to receive a decision within 48 hours.
- African passport holders who need visas to enter Ghana are required to apply through the online e-Visa platform and are exempt from paying any visa fees.
- The requirements currently apply only to business and tourist visa categories.

The new immigration policy aims to enhance ease of travel, stimulate increased trade and tourist inflows, while also deepening Ghana's bilateral cooperation with partner nations.

Diplomatic passport holders, nationals from the member states of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), nationals from countries that have bilateral visa waiver arrangements with Ghana and applicants seeking to enter the country under other visa categories, such as student or family visas, remain subject to the existing entry arrangements.

Impact on employers

The new policy is expected to benefit employers that send eligible foreign nationals to Ghana for business purposes by reducing visa processing time. Employers should update their internal travel and mobility guidance to reflect the online application process and support employees as required before their travel to Ghana. Employers should also review travel planning timelines to ensure sufficient lead time for e-Visa processing, particularly during the early stages of e-Visa implementation.

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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