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Qatar

Suspension of entry visa extension measures and resumption of standard visa regulations

Executive summary

On 28 May 2026, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) announced the suspension of the previously implemented decision to extend all types of expired or nearly expired entry visas, as per press reports. This change will take effect from 7 June 2026. From this date, standard procedures governing visa validity periods, extensions and applicable fees will resume for all entry visa categories.

Background

Effective 28 February 2026, the MoI introduced a temporary measure granting an automatic one-month extension for all categories of expired or near-expiry entry visas. This measure was implemented in response to regional travel disruptions and was processed electronically without fees or required action from visa holders.

Key developments

Effective 7 June 2026, standard immigration rules will be reinstated for all entry visa holders, including applicable validity periods and renewal procedures. In addition, fees for visa renewals and overstays will be enforced in line with existing regulations. Visa holders who do not renew or exit before their visa expires will face penalties for overstaying.

Impact on employers

Employers should remain abreast of these changes and inform impacted employees, as required, to ensure compliance.

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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