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## Uruguay - Updated Travel Restrictions Imposed Due to COVID-19

On 24 March, Uruguayan authorities announced the closing of Uruguay's borders. Only Uruguayan citizens and permanent residents are authorized to enter the country. Foreign nationals are forbidden to enter to Uruguay.<sup>1</sup>

This new measure aims to protect the Uruguayan population and control and prevent the further spread of COVID-19. (See GMS [Flash Alert 2020-075](#) (19 March 2020) for prior coverage of the Uruguayan travel restrictions.)

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### WHY THIS MATTERS

These new travel restrictions will have considerable impact on globally-mobile employees between Uruguay and other countries. Employees and their families from all over may experience some anxiety and inconvenience.

Travel is now restricted and it is expected that new measures will be put forward in the next several days. Awareness is vital to help minimize disruptions to operations and to manage associated risks and costs.

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### FOOTNOTE:

1 See the announcement in Spanish on the website for Uruguay's Foreign Affairs Ministry "Conferencia de prensa del Canciller Talvi del 24 de marzo" <https://www.gub.uy/ministerio-relaciones-exteriores/comunicacion/noticias/conferencia-prensa-del-canciller-talvi-del-24-marzo> .

For a media report of the Uruguayan Foreign Affairs Ministry press conference of 24 March (in Spanish), see "Cierre de fronteras: Talvi anunció prohibición de ingreso de ciudadanos extranjeros" in *El País* (online) 24 March 2020 at: <https://www.elpais.com.uy/informacion/politica/talvi-anuncio-prohibicion-ingreso-ciudadanos-extranjeros.html> . (Note that this is a 3rd party (non-governmental, non-KPMG) website. Providing this link does not represent an endorsement of this website by KPMG.)

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## **KPMG in Australia is holding a webinar: “COVID-19: Managing Taxation Obligations – Employer Considerations”**

**Date: 2 April 2020**

**Time: 12:00pm – 1:00pm AES**

Angela Wood, Partner and Regional Leader, Tax Dispute Resolution & Controversy with the KPMG International member firm in Australia will host a discussion with two Employment Tax Advisory partners Nathan Hamilton and Hayley Lock with KPMG in Australia to explore the different concessions in Australia currently available to taxpayers who may be experiencing difficulties with their taxation obligations because of COVID-19.

The discussion points will include:

- The financial difficulty support measures currently offered by the state governments in response to COVID-19 such as payroll tax waivers and deferrals.
- Government announcements in relation to individual employee stimulus measures and some common issues with employment payments to be aware of.
- ATO guidance available in relation to emerging taxation issues such as employer and FBT obligations arising in relation to changes to employee working arrangements.

For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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