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# Argentina - COVID-19: Another Extension for Residency Deadlines

The Argentine National Immigration Office (*Dirección Nacional de Migraciones*) announced on 19 February, the automatic extension for another 30-day period certain deadlines previously announced in Provision N° 99/2021 and 1714/2020. This new Provision N° 374/2021 extends the expiry dates to 19 March 2021.<sup>1</sup> (For prior coverage, see [GMS Flash Alert 2021-034](#), January 20, 2021.)

## WHY THIS MATTERS

The new Provision will continue to help foreign individuals who, due to COVID-19, have been unable to extend their transitory and temporary residencies personally, as the National Immigration Office has remained closed since 20 March 2020.

This should bring relief and certainty to foreign individuals trying to manage their personal situations linked with their ability to stay (legally) in Argentina and to travel outside the country. This is happening as the National Immigration office in Buenos Aires has begun rescheduling appointments that had been delayed due to COVID-19.

## Context

The rapid worldwide spread of the coronavirus has underpinned the National Immigration office's decisions, as it adjusts its policies and processes to help bring some certainty to individuals who have needed to extend their stay in Argentina.

## New Provision

Provision 374/2021 (extending of the measures in Provision 99/2021) contains the following measures:

- a) Extending the validity of the individual's residence status granted under Article 23 (temporary residence) and Article 24 (transitory residencies) of Law 25.871 for thirty (30) days (until 19 March 2021);

- b) Extending the validity of the *Residence Precaria* (*Certificado de Residencia Precaria* – a three-month interim residence certificate while an application for temporary or permanent residence is being processed) granted in the framework of Article 20 (residence applications) (until 19 March 2021);
  - c) Extending the validity of the registration of the local company at the National Immigration Office for thirty (30) days as of the expiry date (until 19 March 2021);
  - d) Suspending the deadlines for compliance with any notice or summons emanating from ongoing proceedings for thirty (30) days (until 19 March 2021).
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## KPMG NOTE

The National Immigration Office closure will continue until Argentina’s government determines that it is safe to re-open. However, individuals who need to extend their temporary residencies or apply for a change of status (permanent residence), may book an on-line appointment and they will be summoned to go to the office in person to finish the procedure.

Any individuals impacted by the new rules may wish to consult with their global mobility advisers and immigration legal counsel as soon as possible for advice on next steps.

The KPMG International member firm in Argentina is tracking these matters closely. We will endeavor to keep readers of *GMS Flash Alert* posted on any important development as and when they occur.

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## FOOTNOTE:

1 See the “Provision 374/2021” (*Disposición 374/2021*) published (in Spanish) in the *Boletín Oficial* at: <https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/detalleAviso/primera/240983/20210219> .

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