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Ireland - COVID-19: Visa Restrictions Lifted for South African, South American Travellers

Ireland's Immigration Service Delivery has announced the lifting of entry visa restrictions for nationals of South Africa, Brazil and other South American countries, in line with the government's "Resilience and Recovery Plan for Living with COVID-19."¹ The temporary restrictions have been in place since 28 January 2021. (For prior coverage, see [GMS Flash Alert 2021-43](#), 1 February 2021.)

Since 16 June 2021, individuals from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Guyana, Paraguay, South Africa and Uruguay can travel to Ireland without applying for an entry or transit visa in advance of departure.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Employers should note that employees that are nationals of these countries are no longer required to have an entry visa to Ireland. Companies and their globally-mobile employees who are nationals of these countries should be aware that they are still required to meet the conditions of entry for their intended stay in Ireland. All travellers arriving into Ireland must continue to comply with the relevant immigration requirements, as appropriate, and with the public health measures required by law, including completing a COVID-19 Passenger Locator Form, pre-arrival PCR test and quarantine in a designated facility or at home, as appropriate.

KPMG NOTE

For advice on this changing situation, please contact your local qualified immigration counsel or the Corporate Immigration and Employment Law Team with KPMG in Ireland.

FOOTNOTE:

1 For further information, see the Department of Justice's 15 June 2021 "Notice: COVID-19 Visa Arrangements" at: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/visas-updates> .

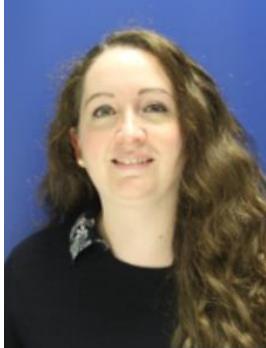
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