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Immigration

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Argentina – New Decree Ushers in Major Overhaul of Immigration Law

On 29 May 2025, Argentina’s government published Decree of Necessity and Urgency (*decreto de necesidad y urgencia*, “DNU”) N° 366/2025 in the official gazette, introducing significant reforms to the country’s immigration framework.¹ The DNU enacts stricter criteria for obtaining residency and citizenship, limits access to public services for nonresidents, and enhances the government’s authority to deport foreign nationals under certain circumstances.

This Decree amends Law N° 25.871,² the principal legislation governing migration in Argentina, with the stated aim of aligning immigration policies with national interests and helping ensure social order and economic stability.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Changes introduced by the Decree will tighten up Argentina’s immigration rules and practices. For example, access to public services by nonresidents will be more limited and foreign nationals in the country with criminal records could be subject to swifter expulsion. Acquiring citizenship will become more difficult.

While national security and public interest are the cited aims of the government, these changes could have a chilling effect on immigration to the country and could affect decisions by foreign nationals already in the country around whether they wish to remain in Argentina.

Immigration advisers and global mobility professionals charged with the immigration affairs of their mobile employees may wish to advise their clients and employees of the changing climate in Argentina vis-à-vis immigrants and strategize carefully in terms of plans to travel/relocate to Argentina.

Key Changes

- **Stricter deportation policies:** The Decree facilitates the expulsion of foreign nationals with criminal convictions or those individuals residing illegally in the country – the aim here is to bolster national security.

- **Revised citizenship requirements:** Pathways to Argentine citizenship are now more stringent, potentially affecting long-term residents and those seeking naturalization.
- **Limited access to public services:** Nonresidents may face restrictions in accessing public health-care and education, reflecting a shift towards prioritizing services for citizens and legal residents.

KPMG INSIGHTS

These reforms could impact the mobility of international talent and the operations of multinational organizations in Argentina. Organizations with employees (as well as students, researchers, academics, etc.) who plan to go on assignment / relocate to Argentina should assess the implications of DNU 366/2025 on their mobility strategies and compliance obligations in conjunction with their immigration advisers. The GMS team with KPMG in Argentina (see the Contacts section) is prepared to assist with navigating the changes and by offering guidance on immigration processes, policy adjustments, and strategic planning.

FOOTNOTES:

1 [Decreto 366/2025](#) published in the *Boletín Oficial de la República Argentina* (online), *Edición del 29 de Mayo de 2025*. (In Spanish.)

2 For *Ley 25.871* (in Spanish), see: <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/normativa/nacional/92016/actualizacion>.

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