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SOUTH KOREA

Americans Can Visit Korea Visa-Free for 90 Days

Visa-free status may not be renewed in-country and does not allow the foreign national to be employed or paid by a South Korean entity.

By way of reminder, permissible short-term business activities include: market research; liaison work; site visits; consultation; contract negotiations, signing and related work; installation, repair and inspection of machinery; and training on operations of machinery.

US passport holders may now enter South Korea visa-free for short-term business activities for stays not exceeding 90 days. Also, the maximum authorized stay for US nationals on tourist status has been extended from 30 days to 90 days per entry.

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CHINA - Regional Changes

Suzhou

In Suzhou, the local HR must accompany applicants to the local Municipal offices when applying for residence or employment permits, as representation by local immigration 3rd parties is not allowed at the local authority level.

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Shanghai

All Foreign Nationals in Shanghai who visited the Shanghai Public Security Bureau before the 1st of December 2008, need to re-register and obtain new Temporary Residence Registration forms.

Beijing

Business Visas no longer require Official Invitation Letters. Work and Residence Permit applications require original degree documents as proof of education. Copies are not accepted.

Dalian

Copies of original documents that have been translated and chopped by the employer will be acceptable to support Work and Residence Permit applications.

Hangzhou

Original, legalized marriage and birth certificates are required for all Residence Permit applications.

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