

# ***Bahrain relaxes visit visa rules***

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The Bahrain's Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs authority has recently announced several changes to Bahrain's visit visa system:

- A single entry visa allows holders to stay in Bahrain for up to two weeks, while a one year re-entry visa allows for a 90 day stay per visit. Nationals from 114 countries and foreign residents living in the Gulf Cooperation Council countries are eligible to apply for these visas, while nationals from 67 countries are able to receive this upon arrival. Bahrain continues to add to the list of eligible nationalities, with Macau being the most recent addition.
- The maximum stay per visit under the existing three month multiple re-entry visa has been increased from two weeks to one month.
- Citizens of Canada, Ireland, the United Kingdom, and the United States who obtain a five year multiple entry visa are now permitted to stay in-country for up to 90 days, instead of the previously permitted 30 days.

## ***The takeaway***

The aim of the development is to keep Bahrain a competitive destination in the gulf region and to attract both tourists and business visitors. Foreign nationals can take advantage of the longer periods of stay when visiting Bahrain for business visitor activities.

## ***Let's talk***

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your usual PwC contacts for further details.

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