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Business visitors, tourists, foreign workers, students, investors and even US citizens and their families face increasing scrutiny at the US border and at US consulates overseas. Knowing what to expect, having a strategy in place, and being prepared for each visa category is fundamental to any US travel or relocation.

Immigration into the US from across Asia-Pacific is particularly complicated by physical distance from the US and cultural differences. However, PwC, through our team in Australia and also through our global network of firms, has a US attorney to help you successfully navigate the US immigration system through planning and execution of US opportunities.

We can help you

PwC can assist you by working together with your other advisors to provide an end to end solution on your US and Australian immigration matters.

Please see an overview of the US Immigration services that we provide.

Immigration Compliance & Strategic Planning



Already complicated US immigration rules are further confused when US and international tax, payroll and employment issues are included. Working with our other advisors we can assist you in navigating the myriad of US and international immigration, export control, payroll, employment and tax issues by:

- Creating strategic US immigration plans, including policies and retention agreements that abide by US law
- Providing guidance on US temporary and permanent visa applications
- Monitoring US based foreign workers and providing I-9 guidance
- Working with our tax, payroll, export control, and employment advisors to find solutions that comply with US immigration requirements
- Ensuring corporate restructures abide by US immigration rules

Short term & Business Travel



Companies sending employees on a business trip or short term US assignment need to give consideration to the consequences to both the employee and employer should there be a problem with the US immigration authorities. We can assist with:

- Creating a compliance program for all business travel
- Arranging travel or “comfort” letters for business travellers (VWP or B-1)
- Conducting employee pre-departure calls to build confidence and understanding
- Preparing visa applications for short term work assignments (B-1 in lieu of H-1B)
- Preparing visa applications for short term training programs (B-1 in lieu of H-3)

Investors, Entrepreneurs, Intra-company Transfers & Other Options



US immigration law is often slow to adapt to modern business practices and employment opportunities. Moving employees or making investments does not always match a visa category. We can assist with finding the right visa for you or your employee such as:

- E-1 trade and E-2 investor visas for nationals of US treaty countries
- E-3 visa for Australian professionals and H-1B1 for Singaporean professionals
- L-1 intracompany transfer visa for managers and those with specialized knowledge
- O-1 visa for athletes, artists, business people and scientists of extraordinary ability
- J-1 for trainees, interns, and working holiday students

Permanent Residence



Whether you have family in the US or a long term business prospect, the US offers many categories for permanent residence. Some can be started prior to moving to the US, while others are more practically done from within the US while on a temporary visa. We can assist with:

- Family based sponsorship including expedited overseas options
- Permanent residence for people of extraordinary ability in sport, business, art or science
- Employment based permanent residence for intra-company managers
- Entrepreneur/Investor option under the EB-5 program
- National Visa Center and Immigrant Visa Processing for Diversity Lottery winners

Waivers



US immigration law is challenging for those with a prior US immigration violation, a prior arrest or even particular health issues. Whether moving permanently or temporarily, we can prepare you to verbally argue your case at the US consulate for a waiver of inadmissibility for:

- Prior overstay in the US, denial of entry, or removal
- Arrest for a crime involving moral turpitude
- A driving under the influence arrest or other drug/alcohol issue
- Drug convictions or admissions of drug use

US Citizen Services



Many dual citizens are considering renunciation of US citizenship but have questions not only about the process, but what to expect in the future. Whether you are ready to renounce or are in the first stages of planning, we can:

- Analyze and prepare legal memos confirming dual citizenship at birth
- Prepare forms and liaise with the US Consulate in regards to proving past relinquishment of US Citizenship or a current renunciation
- Strategize options for future short and long term US travel
- Work closely with our US Tax Advisory Team to ensure you are compliant with your US tax obligations

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