



Global Employer Services Immigration

Simplification of work permit renewal process

The Flanders, Brussels and Wallonia regional authorities, competent for dealing with work permit application files, have abolished the requirement for a legalised information sheet.

This administrative decision, which is now applicable, will bring an important administrative simplification. The decision stems from the different regions now having full access to the foreigners register, which details foreign employees' residence status.

Previously, employees undergoing the work permit renewal process were required to have a personal details information sheet legalised by their local commune of residence. With this requirement no longer applicable, the overall lead time for work permit renewal will be decreased, and employees will be spared the time needed to fulfil the burdensome formality at their local commune. For ID card extensions however, visits to the communes will still be required.

It should be noted that in specific situations, such as C type permit renewals or first work permit applications by foreigners already legally residing in Belgium, the regional authorities would still require that an information sheet is drafted and legalised at the communes.

In the meantime, Deloitte's Immigration and Social Security team has adapted its processes and will closely monitor this measure's practical implementation, which will eventually lead

towards the introduction of the single permit procedure ([Immigration alert of 26 July 2017](#)).

The Deloitte IMSS team is readily available to discuss the above in more detail upon request.

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