



## Tax&Legal Highlights

### Albania

#### Amendments to the legislation on the residence of foreigners

On 03.10.2018, the Council of Ministers has approved some amendments on the legislation on the residence of foreigners. This decision aims to partially approximate domestic legislation with some of the European Union directives such as Directive 2004/114/EC, Directive 2003/86/EC2003 and Directive 2009/50/EC.

The principal amendments are as follows:

#### Documentation

Foreigners who enter into Albanian territory shall submit to border authorities a certificate regarding their financial means.

Further documentation is also required to obtain the residence permit for the following categories: transferred employees, students, family reunion, humanitarian cases, residence permit in favorable and facilitating conditions.

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### Visa application

The visa application shall be submitted mainly on-line. With regard to the procedures for the renewal of the residence permit, the foreigner, along with the other documentation shall submit also the certificate of registration in the Civil Register Office which has jurisdiction over the area of residence.

It should be noted that the foreign citizens, after the issuance of the residence permit, with a validity term at least of 1 (one) year, must be registered near the Civil Registry Office of their residence area.

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