



Employment and visa restrictions for Turkish nationals lifted along with most of economic sanctions

On 31 May, the President of Russia signed Executive Order [No.](#) "On abolishing a range of special economic measures in respect of the Republic of Turkey" (the "Order"), lifting the earlier introduced employment restrictions for Turkish nationals.

The restrictions were imposed on 28 of November 2015 by the President's Executive Decree No.583 "On measures to ensure the national security of the Russian Federation and on the protection of citizens of the Russian Federation against criminal and other illegal acts and on the application of special economic measures against the Turkish Republic". Starting from 1 January 2016, Turkish citizens were only allowed to work in Russia if:

- they had an existing employment relationship in Russia as of 31 December 2015, or
- if they were employed by a company from the list of permitted employers as approved by the Russian government.

All these restrictions are annulled on the date the Decree was published, and all employers can now look at potential candidates from among Turkish nationals for Russian-based positions.

On top of lifting the employment restrictions, the Decree recalls the restrictions on provision of certain activities/services by Turkish companies in Russia and extends the list of categories of Turkish citizens who can enter Russia visa-free.

Best regards,

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