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Mexico - Canadian Tourists Required to Show Passports

Effective 1 March 2010, Canadian citizens and permanent residents must present a valid passport when entering Mexico. Until 28 February 2010, visitors entering Mexico by air for tourism purposes are still permitted to travel with photo ID plus a Canadian birth certificate or citizenship certificate. Canadian citizens entering by land were permitted to travel with other forms of photo ID, although it should be noted that Emigra has always recommended that visitors, whether travelling for business or pleasure, travel with a passport valid for at least six months.

UK - Restrictions on Student Visas

The UK Border Agency has been under fire in recent months for a perceived "loophole" in its new Points Based System for immigration. The opposing Conservative party claims that large numbers of fraudulent student visa applications have been made - and approved - with applicants taking advantage of the relatively low number of points needed to qualify. The response has been to institute a system whereby, effective 22 February 2010, an inviting certificate (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies, or "CAS") from the host educational institution is necessary (rather than just a letter) plus, this week, more extensive changes were announced, including limiting hours of work permitted and the ability of students on short term courses to bring dependants.

Argentina - Streamlining of Identity Card Process

The Registro Nacional de las Personas (ReNaPer) have implemented changes to the process utilized to request and obtain a local identity card, called a DNI. In an effort to improve the overall timeliness of this procedure, the ReNaPer have combined the application process with certain immigration applications, such that the DNI is requested simultaneously. With other applications, the waiting period for an appointment to apply for the DNI has been reduced from an average of twelve (12)

months to roughly six (6) months. The ReNaPer have also eliminated the need to return to collect the DNI once issued. The DNI is now sent to the residential address supplied at the time of application via private mail service. Though not required to commence work in Argentina, the DNI is an important and necessary document, used for everything from opening a bank account to purchasing a vehicle. More information can be found here (www.nuevodni.gov.ar).

And Finally...

Emigra was proud to be named Supplier of the Quarter (Q4 2009) by Brookfield Global Relocation Services (Brookfield GRS) in recognition of excellent customer service and going above and beyond their expectations.

Upcoming Holidays

In every issue, we remind you of upcoming holidays and government closures in major destinations over the next four weeks, to help you prepare and set expectations accordingly. We can't list every holiday in every country in the world, but we'll endeavour to select the most important countries for our clients.

22 February - 19 March 2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22	23 Russia - Defender of the Motherland Day	24 Philippines - People Power Revolution Day Estonia - Independence Day	25	26 Indonesia, Malaysia, India - Birth of the Prophet (Eid Milad an-Nabi)
1 South Korea - Independence Movement Day Thailand - Makha Bucha Day Spain - Dia de las Islas Baleares	2	3 Bulgaria - National Day	4	5
8 Russia - International Women's Day	9	10	11 Lithuania - Day of Restitution of Independence of Lithuania	12

15 Mexico - Birthday of Benito Juarez	16 Indonesia - Nyepi (Hindu New Year)	17 UK - St Patrick's Day	18	19 Spain, Malta - St Joseph's Day
Hungary - 1848 Revolution Memorial Day				

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