

Immigration updates: Work or secondment permit can also be provided by IGI online

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Companies seeking to hire foreign workers can now obtain, the employment or secondment permit directly online, in electronic format from the territorial units of the General Inspectorate for Immigration (IGI). The Ordinance no. 6/2024 was released last Thursday in the Official Gazette, establishing the possibility for employment or secondment permits to be communicated directly online to employers when they provide the necessary information for this purpose. Electronic permits will be signed with the qualified electronic signature of the IGI units.

Another provision in the ordinance project aims to amend the sanctioning regime of Ordinance no. 25/2014 so that employers are not fined for employing foreigners with illegal residence when they have obtained employment or secondment approvals.

According to the initiators of this ordinance (Ministry of Internal Affairs), the measure of electronic communication of approvals aims to both develop online public services and reduce the costs involved in the current method of approval communication. Currently, the employment or secondment permit must be collected from the IGI unit where the application was submitted or, alternatively, can be sent by courier at the applicant's expense.

Acknowledging the need for utilizing new information technologies, IGI continually seeks to adapt to citizens' requirements, and the development of online public services is a goal of the institution. In this context, the legislative act project introduces the possibility of transmitting employment/detachment approval to the applicant electronically, securing the document through the qualified electronic signature of the issuing territorial immigration structure.

Applications for the issuance of approvals, along with the necessary documentation, can be submitted to any territorial unit of the IGI, with the resolution typically taking place within 30 days of registration.

The request for the issuance of employment/detachment approval is submitted by the employer/service provider to any territorial units of the General Inspectorate for Immigration. The documentation required for obtaining the approval can be submitted by any person with the legal representation of the employer/service provider, as per the law.

The request is processed within 30 days from its registration date. In cases where additional checks are required to verify the fulfillment of approval conditions, the processing time can be extended by a maximum of 15 days. The request for the issuance of the employment approval made by the employer of a Blue Card holder from another EU member state is processed within 15 days from the date of receipt, according to Ordinance no. 25/2014.

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