

NEW LAW “ON FOREIGNERS”

On 28th March 2013 the Albanian Parliament passed law no 68/2013 “On foreigners” which will replace the existing law “On Foreigners”. This new law has been published in the Official Gazette on 5th April 2013 and shall enter into force on the 20th April 2013. The law provides for many changes in the work and residence permit requirements for foreigners which shall take effect from the 20th April. Such changes include for e.g. requirements of a work permit has now been removed for EU citizens and Schengen Zone citizens, for such purpose the government will each year approve quotas for the number of permitted foreign employees who may work in Albania; other changes relate to issuance of visas by the borders authorities; and more. It is advisable that all foreigners living and working in Albania are familiar with such changes to ensure compliance with the new rules.



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