

# **Saudi Arabia**

## **Immigration update**

Applications for the cancellation of exit/re-entry Visas can now be submitted via the Absher platform

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## Introduction

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The Saudi General Directorate of Passports (SGDP) announced that the cancellation of exit/re-entry (ERE) permits issued to expatriates in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) can now be submitted via the online [Absher platform](#) linked to the employer.

Previously, applications for the cancellation of ERE permits could only be submitted via the employer's Muqem portal.

Upon cancellation of an ERE permit, the fee paid initially for its issuance is non-refundable. The SGDP has also encouraged expatriates to use the services available on the Absher platform instead of visiting its offices.

For more information, please click [here](#).

### **Deloitte's view**

This new service forms part of the Kingdom's wider digital transformation initiatives and streamlines the process for the cancellation of ERE permits.

Expatriates and employers can also benefit from other online services such as issuing and renewing residency permits (Iqama), issuing new ERE permits, and final exit permits, among others.

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