Deloitte Global Workforce M&A

A merger or an acquisition can have a deep impact on a Global Workforce function - integrating two Global Workforce programmes requires a lot of thought and care. The Deloitte Global Workforce M&A Practice offers a range of services to help organisations maintain compliance during the M&A lifecycle, whilst potentially realising unanticipated benefits for the newly merged Global Workforce function, which we have outlined below.



Due Diligence



Structuring



Post-Merger Integration/ NewCo Stand Up



Key Global Mobility Considerations

- HR Due Diligence: Review the acquired workforce programme(s), including people, structure, policies, vendors, and technology
- Tax & Legal Due Diligence: Identify potential compliance risks around immigration, corporate tax, social security, employment law, posted workers directive and others
- Develop an integration plan that fulfils post-merger strategic objectives, prioritising key activities areas such as streamlining and harmonising:
 - Technology infrastructure
 - Vendor ecosystems
 - Compensation provisions
 - Policies and processes
 - Compliance support
 - ⁻ Team structure

- Commit to one culture and communicate future vision in line with change management plan
- Appoint the best talent to project manage the transition, including:
 - Conducting vendor RFPs
 - Managing technology change requests
 - Implementing policy changes
 - Mapping roles & responsibilities and 'to be' processes



Potential Deloitte
Mobility M&A
Support

- Deliver an impact report, flagging key compliance risks and outlining a roadmap to capture unrealised potential synergies and benefits
- Research acquisition target by conducting current state assessments of affected teams and employees through stakeholder interviews, compliance reviews and quantitative analytical research
- Leverage transaction experience and knowledge of industry to provide benchmarking analysis against comparator organisations
- Design a 'to be' landscape, including a fully-harmonised service delivery model, policy suite, and other enabling infrastructure (such as vendors and technology)
- Create a transition plan that mitigates disruption and maintains country-level compliance amongst change

- Second staff to stabilise and manage key businessas-usual processes and vendors (e.g. support with immigration, tax, and payroll services)
- Develop communication materials for impacted stakeholders (i.e., Global Workforce team, vendors, tool owners, line managers, employees, etc.)
- Offer a "fresh eyes" approach to long-term policy review and strategy design

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M&A and Global Workforce – Key Questions, Risks, and Opportunities

Below sets out *some* of the questions you should consider when your organisation is subject to a merger or acquisition (whether as the buyer or target):



What is the best approach for integrating Global Workforce policies in a way that enables the strategic vision of the M&A transaction?

People

Who will support and manage the overall Global Workforce programme?

Vendors

What specialist external support is required and how will you assimilate them without disrupting employee experience?

Process

What processes must be aligned to ensure a consistent and seamless experience?

Structure

How can clear responsibilities be established to avoid duplication of effort between overlapping roles?

Technology

Is there opportunity to maximize use of existing technology solutions, re-train staff if required, and identify areas for additional automation?

Fundamental Questions



Tax

How can corporate and personal tax compliance be maintained within new jurisdictions?

Legal & Immigration

What is the impact on right to work for new/existing employees and how can immigration quotas be maintained?

Payroll

What is the best approach for managing in-country statutory withholding and filing rules?

Reward

Is there additional budget to address unique reward issues, such as employees who fall outside newly agreed pay ranges?

Compensation & Equity

What is the best approach for balancing executive compensation, equity arrangements, and stock treatment for employees?

Benefits

Is there opportunity to harmonize existing retirement, health, and fringe benefit arrangements?

Turn RISKS...

- × Poor employee experience from incompatible operating models
- × Employee data leakages from limited training and security assessments of vendors
- × Financial penalties from incorrect reporting/filing of taxes

- ✓ Redesigned operating model allows for high-quality assignee experience through consistent execution of processes and clearly defined roles/responsibilities
- ✓ Vendor ecosystem supports a seamless experience for all stakeholders with best-inclass technology solutions leveraged for automation whenever possible

...into OPPORTUNITIES

✓ Key compliance areas are well-managed and policies are regularly reviewed to reflect regulatory changes/requirements

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