
Qatar: Mandatory registration and examination for engineering professions

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In brief

Engineering professional expatriates in Qatar must now register with the Ministry of Municipality and Environment (MME) and pass an examination regulated by the MME.

In detail

The Qatari authorities have announced that all engineering professional expatriates must now register with the Ministry of Municipality and Environment (MME) and pass an examination regulated by the MME upon issuance of their Qatar Work and Residence Permit. Those already with an engineering profession and job title reflected on their Qatar Work and Residence Permit should register as soon as possible.

Certified employees holding an engineering degree but with a valid work visa for a non-engineering profession will be exempt from this ruling as will employees of companies registered under Qatar Financial Centre (QFC).

It is highlighted that employees with an engineering profession as per their Qatar Work and Residence Permit who fail to register with the MME, shall not be permitted to renew their permits or register new employment contracts with the Ministry of Administrative Labour and Social Affairs (MADSLA). Further, non-compliant workers and their employers may face other penalties, including fines of up to QAR 100,000. Furthermore, employees who no longer work as engineers but hold an engineering profession on their Qatar Work and Residence Permit should consider changing their profession on their Qatar Work and Residence Permit.

The takeaway

It is recommended to comply with the newly implemented ruling and announcement made in Qatar. Engineering expatriates should therefore register with the MME and undergo an examination immediately upon issuance or as soon as possible if already holding a Qatar Work and Residence Permit.

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