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Amendments to the immigration law following transposition of Directive EC 2016/801 of the European Parliament and the Council (EU) on the conditions of entry and residence of non-EU/EEA/Swiss citizens for research, education, training, volunteer services, student exchange programmes or educational projects and au pair work.

The law introducing these amendments was published in the Official Gazette no. 941 of 7 November 2018 and it will produce its effects in 3 days from the date it was published.

Some of the law's more important provisions include:

- Change to the base salary: the authorities have decided to eliminate the employer's obligation to pay foreigners at least the gross average salary, with the minimum amount they are obliged to pay now being the minimum gross national salary. For highly qualified workers, the minimum salary threshold has been reduced to two gross average salaries, as opposed to four, as was previously the case
- Changes regarding the cancellation of the right of residence: the general conditions regarding cancellation of the right of residence in Romania for admitted non-residents (who are exempt from the visa requirement) have been clarified
- Introduction of new categories of individual/terms: new categories have been defined and regulated for, e.g. au pair, researcher, student, trainee, educational project, host entity and, host family, among others
- Reduction by 50% of the government fees charged for the obtaining of work permits

Source: Law no. 247/2018 for modifying and completing some normative acts regarding the regime of foreigners in Romania, published in the Official Gazette no. 941 of 7 November 2018.

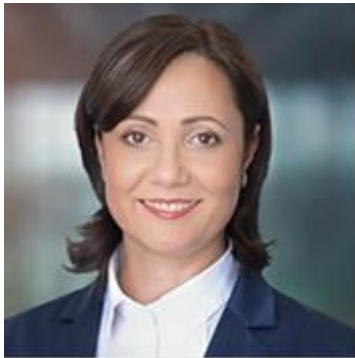
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