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<b>Abstract</b>	<p>This law covers the conditions for entry to and departure from the State of Qatar of expatriates. For the purpose of this law an expatriate is any person entering the State of Qatar who does not hold Qatari citizenship (Art. 1)</p> <p>Article 4 sets the time limit for obtaining a work visa for the second time as two years from the date of Departure. The Minister or his nominee may waive the application of the time limit and in some cases the competent authority may waive the application of the time limit if the written consent of the former sponsor is obtained.</p> <p>Article 5 requires both the expatriate and his sponsor to report to the competent authority within seven days of the former's arrival to complete the procedures for his residence or work visa.</p> <p>Article 6 obligates the expatriate to provide information or documentation such as his passport upon request from the competent authority in due time and to immediately report the loss or damage of his passport or travel document and obtain a replacement.</p> <p>Chapter IV regulates the relationship between Qatari sponsors and recruited foreign workers.</p>