



COVID-19 Global Mobility update

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Dear all,

Please find below our most recent Mobility related global updates specifically related to the COVID-19 crisis and current guidance or measures that different countries are putting into place.

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South Africa - COVID-19: Immigration services resume, entry requirements announced

What is the change?

South Africa has resumed a number of immigration services after the country moved its national lockdown to level 1 on Sept. 20. The government also announced a number of entry requirements for inbound travellers.

Key Points:

- Immigration services have resumed at King Shaka International Airport, O.R. Tambo International Airport, Cape Town International Airport and other commercial entry ports.
- The Immigration Services Inspectorate has resumed full operations.
- Visa Facilitation Services (VFS) has resumed processing Temporary Residence Visas and South African missions abroad are determining which offices will resume processing temporary residence visa applications.
- Permit adjudication for the processing of Temporary Residence Visas and Permanent Resident Permits will continue to operate, as it did during alert level 3 and level 2.
- The Port Control Operations Centre will continue normal operations and immigration support services will also continue.
- The Department of Civic Services will provide passport application and issuance services during the current lockdown level 1 period.
- The validity of legally issued visas that expired during the lockdown has been extended until Jan. 31, 2021. Previously, the validity of such visas had been extended to July 31, 2020 and then re-extended until Oct. 31, 2020. The extensions, including the most recent one until Jan. 31, 2021, are only for visa holders within the country.
- Inbound travellers must present a negative PCR COVID-19 test certificate from a test conducted within 72 hours of departing the country of origin. The test must have been conducted by a certified medical professional and include this

person's name and signature. Inbound travelers will be required to take a mandatory COVID-19 test if displaying any COVID-19-related symptoms or if they have been in contact with people who have been infected with the virus. They must also provide proof of their accommodation address within South Africa to cover the possibility that they are later required to enter self-quarantine. Those that have COVID-19 symptoms or have been in contact with an infected person will be tested for COVID-19 at their own expense. Travelers with positive test results must enter a 10-day quarantine at their own expense within a designated site.

- Leisure travellers from high-risk COVID-19 countries are not allowed into the country. The list of high-risk countries is [here](#). Exceptions exist for business travellers with rare and critical skills, diplomats, investors, repatriated individuals and professional athletes.
- All international air travellers must have health insurance with sufficient coverage to pay for COVID-19 testing and quarantine.
- All travellers from African countries are allowed to enter provided they have valid travel documents. They will be screened for COVID-19.

Under current plans, international travel will be allowed to resume Oct. 1. International travel by air will only be allowed at King Shaka International Airport, O.R. Tambo International Airport and Cape Town International Airport. The number of points of entry at borders and ports that reopen Oct. 1 will be limited initially. South African transport minister Fikile Mbalula said that the country will adopt a [risk-based system](#) that will consider individual countries' COVID-19 infection rates when determining restrictions on travel into and out of South Africa. Additional information is expected soon.

The resumption of some immigration services and the eventual resumption of international travel will allow greater movement of people into South Africa.

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Peru - International air travel resumes to and from select countries

What is the change?

Peru's government has announced it will resume international flights to and from select countries today as the nation reopens its borders.

Key points:

- Flights to and from Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Paraguay and Uruguay will be part of the first phase of reopening.
- Travelers entering or departing from Peru must show negative results from a COVID-19 PCR test conducted 72 hours before entering the country.
- All travelers must complete Peru's [online health form](#), which includes a quarantine requirement, within 72 hours before the flight.

International travel was suspended in March due to the coronavirus outbreak.

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Japan - Latest updates on the “Phased measures for resuming cross-border travel”

What is the change?

The Government of Japan has announced that, in principle, holders of statuses of residence, including “students” and “dependents”, as well as cross-border business travellers from all countries and regions, will be permitted to enter Japan incrementally from 1 October 2020. This is under the condition that the person is hosted by a company or entity that can ensure the observation of quarantine measures.

The number of persons permitted to enter Japan under this arrangement will be restricted. More information on the visa application process for eligible foreign nationals under the “Residence Track” or “Business Track” of this arrangement can be found [here](#). To view the relevant entry procedures, please click [here](#).

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Thailand - Visa amnesty extended until 31 October 2020

What is the change?

The Government has extended the visa amnesty for foreigners stranded in Thailand to 31 October 2020 after it expired on 26 September 2020. Stranded foreigners who wish

to stay in Thailand after 31 October 2020 must submit an application to an immigration office by 3 October 2020.

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Uganda - Air and land borders to reopen, some internal restrictions relaxed

What is the change?

Uganda will reopen air and land borders and has relaxed some internal restrictions that were put in place to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Key Points:

- Air and land borders are set to reopen Oct. 1.
- Inbound and outbound business and tourist visitors will be required to present a negative PCR COVID-19 test certificate.
 - **Arrival protocols** All travelers arriving in Uganda must have a negative COVID-19 certificate. The test must have been performed within 72 hours of arrival (meaning travelers must be tested and get results within 3 days of their first flight). Neither foreign travelers nor Ugandan citizens will be required to quarantine if they have a negative COVID-19 test. Arriving travelers are required to provide their addresses to the Ministry of Health for follow up.
 - **Departure protocols** Passengers leaving Uganda must obtain a valid PCR COVID-19 PCR test within the 72-hour period before departure. Where a PCR test is not available, the passenger must ensure that he or she has clearance from the country being traveled to in order to demonstrate that it is not possible to take a PCR COVID-19 test, and will be allowed to enter the country on arrival.
- Local Ugandan travel workers such as tour operators are required to guide passengers so they travel directly to their stay locations and limit their interactions with Ugandan citizens.
- Effective Sept. 20, Uganda began relaxing certain internal restrictions such as:
 - Lifting restrictions on movement within border districts, which are districts with main border entry points from neighboring countries into Uganda.
 - Allowing shopping malls, pharmacies, supermarkets, hotels, restaurants and hair salons to operate. These establishments are

encouraged to continue practicing the standard operating procedures set in place by the Ministry of Health.

- Allowing places of worship to operate with a maximum of 70 people in attendance, provided they follow Ministry of Health guidelines.
- Allowing certain educational institutions to reopen.
- Allowing open-air sports activities with no spectators. Participants are required to be tested for COVID-19, 72 hours before the activity.

While a number of previous COVID-19 restrictions have been relaxed, others remain in place. Indoor spaces such as movie theaters, bars, casinos and gyms remained closed. Gatherings of more than five people and exercising in public are not allowed. People must wear protective masks when they are in public spaces. A nationwide curfew also remains in effect.

Employers may send their employees to Uganda beginning Oct. 1, provided they are in compliance with entry requirements.

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New Zealand - Changes to Skills Match Report process announced

What is the change?

New Zealand's government has made changes to the Skills Match Report process to help employers identify which New Zealanders are available to work.

Key Points:

- In response to the impact the COVID-19 pandemic is having on the labor market, the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) generated lists of occupations and regions with an oversupply or undersupply of New Zealanders who are receiving Job Seeker Support. The lists will be used beginning Oct. 7.
- Employers do not need to obtain a Skills Match report for jobs paying less than the national median wage, which is \$25.50 per hour, if there is an undersupply of New Zealand job seekers for those positions or the regions where they are located. Within the same context of an undersupply of New Zealand job seekers for certain occupations or regions, employers that can demonstrate they made a sincere effort to publicly advertise a new job to make it known to New Zealanders who are looking for work are allowed to support a migrant work visa application.

- Employers can work directly with the Ministry of Social Development for the occupations and regions where there is an oversupply of New Zealand job seekers on Job Seeker support who are available for employment.
- For occupations or regions that are not on the oversupply or undersupply lists, the process remains unchanged, meaning a Skills Match Report is required for an employer to hire a migrant for a job that pays less than the national median wage.

The oversupply and undersupply lists are a temporary measure which will be reviewed in the beginning of 2021, or sooner, depending on conditions within the labor market. Immigration New Zealand will confirm whether or not an occupation is on the undersupply or oversupply list by using the [Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations \(ANZSCO version 1.2\)](#). The process to obtain a Skills Match Report has not changed.

The government's temporary use of oversupply and undersupply lists is intended to help New Zealanders who are out of work obtain new jobs.

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Switzerland - Revised entry requirements for neighboring countries

What is the change?

Switzerland has revised its quarantine requirements for those traveling from neighboring countries.

Key Points:

- Beginning Sept. 14, only those regions of neighbouring countries where the infection rate is greater than 60 cases per 100,000 will be added to the list of countries and areas that are deemed to have an increased rate of infection, not the entire country.
- Travelers from high risk regions will need to continue to follow all COVID-19 entry requirements, which includes a ten-day quarantine. The regions that are deemed high-risk include the region in France that includes Paris and the region in Austria that includes Vienna. The full list was updated Oct. 12 and is available [here](#).
- Border regions may be exempted from inclusion on the list even if they have a high infection rate. Cross-border commuters do not need to quarantine.

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Thailand - Launch of special tourist visa scheme for long-staying visitors

What is the change?

Thailand's Ministry of Interior has announced the launch of the special tourist visa scheme for long-staying visitors. Effective from 30 September 2020 until 30 September 2021, the scheme will be made available to long-staying visitors from countries with lower COVID-19 infection rates as determined by the Ministry of Public Health.

These visitors will be required to comply with Thailand's COVID-19 control measures, and undergo a local state or hospital quarantine for a minimum of 14 days. They must present proof of payment for local state or hospital quarantine, and one of the following: hotel reservation for long-stay purposes; evidence of ownership of a condominium; or house or condominium rental contract.

In addition, they must have a health and accident insurance coverage that covers the period of their stay in Thailand, with a minimum THB 40,000 coverage for outpatient treatment and a minimum THB 400,000 coverage for inpatient hospital and physician services.

Eligible visitors can apply for the special tourist visa at Thai embassies and consulates worldwide. The visa will cost THB 2,000 per 90-day period, and will be valid for a single entry. Requests for extension can be made twice, each for a further 90 days. The special tourist visa cannot be converted to other types of visas.

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Vietnam - Automatic temporary stay extension until 31 October 2020

What is the change?

Foreigners who are unable to depart Vietnam due to COVID-19 will be granted an automatic temporary stay extension through 31 October 2020. They will be required to complete a declaration of their temporary residence and health status for this automatic stay extension period.

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Singapore - Singapore and Indonesia announce reciprocal green lane

What is the change?

Applications for a reciprocal green lane between Singapore and Indonesia will begin on 26 October 2020. The reciprocal green lane will enable cross-border travel for essential business and official purposes to resume between both countries.

Eligible applicants are Indonesian citizens, as well as Singapore citizens and residents. These travellers will have to abide by the COVID-19 prevention and public health measures mutually agreed by both countries, including pre-departure and post-arrival COVID-19 swab tests from mutually recognised health institutions. More details on the reciprocal green lane will be announced in due course.

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