



Immigration news alerts COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic is a rapidly evolving situation, and authorities across the globe frequently update their travel advisories and immigration policies in response to the outbreak situation on the ground. In this series of news alerts, we will provide you with the latest news to keep you up to date on the developments in our region.



For the latest country-specific travel restrictions and immigration information in relation to COVID-19, visit gowork.ges.deloitte to view Deloitte's digital travel map (beta release).

Note: If you have trouble accessing any of the links below, please try to copy and paste them directly into your browser.

India

Latest guidelines for international arrivals

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare | 5 November 2020

All travellers to India must submit a self-declaration form either through the [online portal](#) at least 72 hours before their scheduled travel time, or physically upon arrival at the respective health counters.

International passengers arriving without an Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) negative certificate and who wish to seek an exemption from institutional quarantine may undergo RT-PCR testing at airport facilities. International passengers arriving without RT-PCR negative certificate and who are not opting for RT-PCR testing at airport facilities, or who are arriving at airports where RT-PCR testing facilities are not available, will be required to undergo a mandatory seven-days institutional quarantine and seven-days home quarantine.

International passengers arriving at seaports/land ports will be subjected to the same protocol, except that the online portal is currently not available to these passengers. Instead, they will need to physically submit their self-declaration form to the authorities at the seaport/land port upon arrival.

States may also impose additional sets of restrictions based on their own field assessments.

For more information, please refer to the link below for the full set of guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

 [More information](#)

Japan

Denial of permission to enter Japan

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan | 5 November 2020

The Government of Japan has decided to impose an entry ban on Jordan and Myanmar, which came into effect on 1 November 2020. Concurrently, it has also decided to remove the entry ban on the following territories: Australia, Brunei, China (including Hong Kong and Macau), New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam. In addition, travellers from these territories will be exempted from the need to undergo a pre-entry COVID-19 test prior to departure and a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test at the port of entry in Japan. More information can be found [here](#) (*Japanese*).

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Re-entry of foreign nationals with the status of residence

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan | 4 November 2020

With effect from 1 November 2020, foreign nationals with the status of residence, and who possess a valid re-entry permit, will not be required to obtain a "Letter of Confirmation of Submitting Required Documentation for Re-entry into Japan" or "Receipt for Request of Re-entry" when re-entering Japan from territories designated as areas subject to the denial of permission to enter Japan.

However, they will still be required to present a certificate of a negative pre-entry COVID-19 test conducted within 72 hours of departure when re-entering from territories designated as areas subject to the denial of permission to enter Japan. More details on the required format for the pre-entry test results can be found [here](#).

 [More information](#)

Myanmar

Renewal process for holders of Foreigners Registration Certificates (FRC) cards *(Translated from Burmese)*

Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population | 10 November 2020

FRC cards, which expire annually on 30 November 2020, must be renewed within 30 days from their date of expiry. The Department of Immigration conducts the annual FRC renewal process between 1 and 31 December 2020 for a fee of US\$9 per renewal. In view of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Department of Immigration will commence this year's FRC renewal process in advance, starting from 16 November 2020.

According to Section 17 (3) of the Registration of Foreigners Rules, 1948, renewals that are done after the designated renewal period (from January 2021 onwards) will be charged a fee that is twice the existing rate, or US\$18.

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Singapore

Air travel bubble between Singapore and Hong Kong to start on 22 November 2020

Channel NewsAsia | 11 November 2020

The air travel bubble between Singapore and Hong Kong will start on 22 November 2020, with one flight a day into each city and 200 passengers each way. This will increase to two flights a day into each city from 7 December 2020. Travellers have to take the dedicated

flights, but will have no restrictions on their travel purpose and do not have to follow a controlled itinerary. They will also not be subject to quarantine or stay-home notice.

However, they must test negative on COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests within 72 hours before their scheduled departure time. Those departing from Singapore will be required to [apply for approval](#) to take their PCR test at least seven days before departure, and will need a confirmed flight ticket to Hong Kong to do so. From 1 December 2020, travellers do not need to apply for approval to take the test. Travellers will also have to take a COVID-19 test upon arrival at Hong Kong International Airport.

Anyone who has remained in Singapore or Hong Kong in the last 14 consecutive days prior to travelling is eligible. However, holders of work permits or S Passes in the construction, marine shipyard, or process sectors are excluded.

Travellers departing from Hong Kong to Singapore also have to take a PCR test within 72 hours before their scheduled departure time. They can do so at one of the [recognised clinics or testing centres](#). Hong Kong travellers going to Singapore will need to apply for an air travel pass, and must download and register for the TraceTogether application on their mobile phones. They must keep the application activated during their stay in Singapore and keep the app on their phone for 14 consecutive days after leaving.

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Singapore to require all foreign inbound travellers to take pre-departure COVID-19 PCR test

Channel NewsAsia | 10 November 2020

With effect from 18 November 2020, travellers who are not Singaporeans or permanent residents will need to take a COVID-19 PCR test within 72 hours before their departure. These travellers will still be required to serve their stay-home notice upon arrival in Singapore and will be tested at the end of their stay-home notice.

However, travellers from low-risk territories are exempted from this requirement. These include individuals from Brunei, New Zealand, Vietnam, Australia, Mainland China, Macao, Malaysia (except Sabah), Taiwan, and those from Hong Kong who are not under the Singapore-Hong Kong Air Travel Bubble.

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