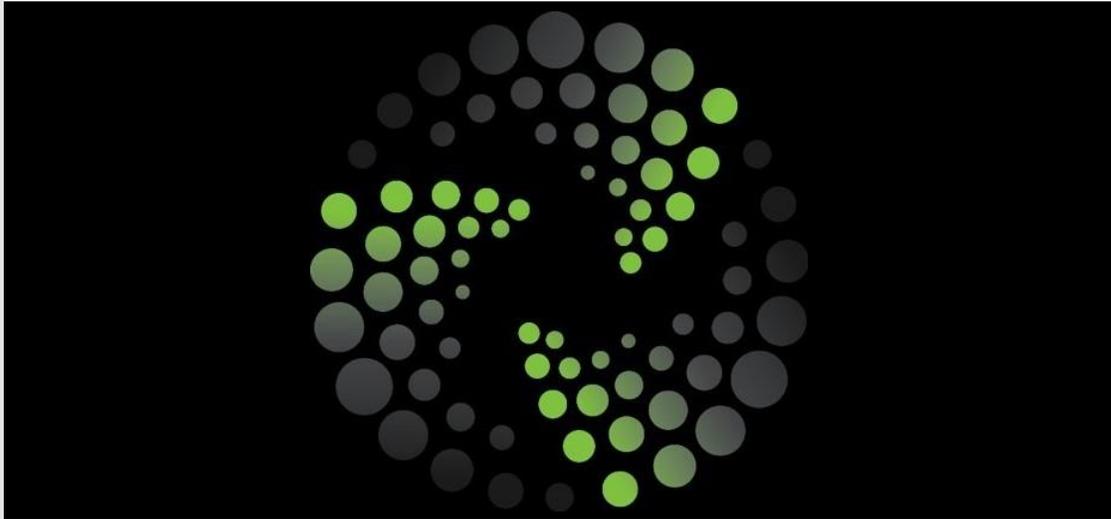


Singapore | Immigration | 13 August 2020



Immigration news alerts COVID-19

COVID-19 (also previously referred to as 2019 Novel Coronavirus or 2019-nCoV) is a virus identified as the cause of an outbreak of respiratory illness first detected in Wuhan, China. While it is unclear how easily this virus is spreading between people, authorities across the globe are issuing travel health notices related to this outbreak.

In this series of news alerts, we will provide you with immigration updates to keep you up to date on the rapidly evolving situation within 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.

China

Visa applications now open for specific groups of foreigners

Embassy of the People's Republic of China | 10 August 2020

Foreign nationals from following list of countries holding valid residence permits, including work permits, and permits for family reunion and personal matters, may now apply for visas at any Chinese embassy or consulate in their respective countries: Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and United Kingdom.



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Hong Kong

Specified conditions imposed on inbound travellers who have visited specified high risk places

Government of HKSAR | 11 August 2020

Inbound travellers who have visited any of the specified high risk places—Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, South Africa, and US—must provide the following documents:

1. A test report in English or Chinese issued by a laboratory or healthcare institution bearing the name of the relevant traveller identical to that in his/her valid travel document showing that:
 - The relevant traveller underwent a nucleic acid test for COVID-19, the sample for which was taken from the relevant traveller within 72 hours before the scheduled time of departure of the specified aircraft;
 - The test conducted on the sample is a nucleic acid test for COVID-19; and
 - The result of the test is the relevant traveller was tested negative for COVID-19.
2. If the relevant report is not in English or Chinese, or does not contain all of the aforementioned information, a written confirmation in English or Chinese issued by the laboratory or healthcare institution bearing the name of the

relevant traveller identical to that in his/her valid travel document, setting out all of the aforementioned information and presented together with the test report;

3. Documentary proof in English or Chinese showing that the laboratory or healthcare institution is ISO 15189 accredited or is recognised or approved by the relevant authority of the Government of the place in which the laboratory or healthcare institution is located; and
4. A confirmation in English or Chinese of a room reservation in a hotel in Hong Kong for not less than 14 days starting on the day of the arrival of the relevant traveller in Hong Kong.

For more information, please refer to the link below.

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Immigration Department service arrangement

Hong Kong Immigration Department | 7 August 2020

In light of the extension of the special work arrangement for government departments, the Immigration Department (ImmD) has announced the provision of emergency and essential services to members of the public from 10 to 16 August 2020. To view the full list of services available, please refer to the link below.

The ImmD also appeals to applicants to submit applications through its homepage, mobile application, by post, or through drop-in. As the ImmD only provides emergency and essential services, applicants who are required to visit its offices for urgent applications should expect longer waiting times. Furthermore, in accordance with the latest regulations implemented by the Government, persons entering the premises of ImmD will be required to wear masks.

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Nepal

Notice regarding visa services

Department of Immigration | 10 August 2020

The Department of Immigration has decided to close all visa services with effect from 10 August 2020 until further notice. However, applicants can contact a list of Immigration Officers for emergency services. To view their respective contact information, please click

on the link below.

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New Zealand

Change in New Zealand's Alert Levels

New Zealand Government | 12 August 2020

With effect from 12 noon on 12 August 2020, the Auckland region has moved to Alert Level 3. This will last for at least three days. Under Alert Level 3, travel is restricted. You can travel within your local area, for example going to work or school, shopping, or exercising. Public transport can continue to operate with strict health and safety requirements. You should maintain physical distancing and wear a face covering. Roadblocks are also in place on the boundary of the Alert Level 3 region. More details on what Level 3 entails can be found [here](#).

The rest of New Zealand has moved to Alert Level 2. Under Alert Level 2, you can travel to other regions that are at Alert Level 2. However, you should keep records of what travel services you use and who you have been in contact with, keep your distance from groups of people you do not know, and minimise the number of places you stop on the way to your destination. More details on what Level 2 entails can be found [here](#).

The New Zealand borders also remain closed for all but critical travel. The travel ban applies to all arrivals into New Zealand whether by air or sea. For the latest updates, please click [here](#).

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