



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).

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New Zealand

Visitor visas extended and new COVID-19 short-term visitor visa

Immigration New Zealand | 4 September 2020

The Government is automatically extending current onshore visitor visas that are due to expire between 4 September and 31 October 2020 by five months. Some visitor visa categories will not be extended. These include the critical purpose visa holders, guardians of students, and partners or dependants linked to a work visa holder whose visa was extended previously. Those eligible for the extension will be contacted by 22 September 2020.

In addition, a new two-month COVID-19 short-term visitor visa will be introduced to allow temporary migrants stranded in New Zealand more time to arrange their travel home. Employment while on this visa is not permitted. The COVID-19 short-term visitor visa is intended to help people reaching the end of their current visitor, work, student or partnership visa who may not meet the criteria for another visa, and need time to arrange travel home. Individuals will need to pay a fee when applying. More details will be available on the Immigration New Zealand website by mid-September.



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South Korea

The Republic of Korea (ROK) and Singapore Fast Lane

Embassy of the Republic of Korea to the Republic of Singapore | 3 September 2020

The Republic of Korea (ROK) and Singapore have agreed to implement a Fast Lane to facilitate essential business and official travel between ROK (via Incheon International Airport only) and Singapore. All residents and long-term pass holders of the ROK and Singapore seeking to travel for essential business and official purposes, and have remained in the country for at least 14 days prior to departure, are eligible to apply.

To use the Fast Lane for essential travel from Singapore to ROK, the sponsoring company or government agency in the ROK must file an application for the Quarantine Exemption Certificate on behalf of the applicant, and Singapore residents holding [visa-required passports](#) should apply for a visa at the ROK Embassy in Singapore. They will also need to undergo a COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test within 72 hours before departure, and another COVID-19 PCR test at Incheon International Airport upon arrival. For more details on the pre-departure and post-arrival measures, please refer to the link below.



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