



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.

Hong Kong

Government announces latest disease prevention measures

HKSAR Government Press Releases | 30 June 2020

Hong Kong has extended the 14-day quarantine requirements for inbound travellers

from Mainland, Macao, and Taiwan from 7 July 2020 to 7 August 2020. The Government is currently working closely with the relevant authorities of the Guangdong Province and the Macao Special Administrative Region on the mutual recognition of test results and mutual exemption from compulsory quarantine requirements. Subject to the situation, the Government will consider relaxing restrictions on the cross-boundary movement of people amongst the three places within certain limits in order to facilitate those with essential needs to travel between Guangdong and Hong Kong or between Hong Kong and Macao.



More information

Japan

Advisory for foreigners planning to enter Japan

Immigration Services Agency of Japan | 30 June 2020

Certificates of eligibility issued to foreign nationals between 1 October 2019 and 29 January 2021, which are normally valid for three months, will be treated as valid for six months from the date of the lifting of entry restrictions or until 30 April 2021, whichever is earlier. More details on the application procedures for foreign nationals whose period of stay has expired while outside Japan, and foreign nationals whose certificate of eligibility has expired can be found [here](#).

For more information on the policies for foreign nationals who departed from Japan with re-entry permission while in the process of applying for residence, and whose period of stay has expired while outside Japan, please refer to the link below.



More information

Singapore

Advisory for employers and employees travelling to and from COVID-19 affected areas

Ministry of Manpower (MOM) | Updated as of 30 June 2020

As a summary, all pass holders must obtain MOM's entry approval before they can enter Singapore. Upon entry, they need to serve a 14-day Stay-Home Notice (SHN). However, those conveying essential services or supplies coming from Malaysia by land or sea crossing are exempted from the entry approval and SHN requirements.

Before employers can bring pass holders into Singapore, they will need to complete the following steps:

1. Ensure that they can fulfil the [additional responsibilities](#) to bring their work pass holders in. If they have dependants who are not issued any work passes, including Letter of Consent (LOC), they must also fulfil their [responsibilities](#)

[towards their dependants](#). Please note there are changes to the SHN requirements **from 17 June 2020, 11.59 p.m.**

2. [Request for MOM's entry approval](#). For more information on who needs to request for MOM's approval and who is responsible for ensuring that SHN is observed, please refer to the link below.
3. Wait for MOM's approval before arranging for the pass holders to commence their journey to Singapore. For In-Principle Approval (IPA) holders, employers need to wait for them to complete their 14-day SHN before they can get their passes issued.



[More information](#)

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