



## 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](https://gowork.ges.deloitte) to view Deloitte's digital travel map (beta release).

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#### Hong Kong

##### **Exemption from the Compulsory Quarantine Arrangement of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation**

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) | 28 May 2020

The Government of the Hong Kong SAR has released updates to the category of persons that the Chief Secretary for Administration may designate for exemption from the existing Compulsory Quarantine Arrangement of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation, which will be in force until 7 June 2020.

Specifically, the following categories of persons may now be exempted from the compulsory quarantine requirement:

#### **Exemption from Compulsory Quarantine Arrangement for inbound travellers from the Mainland, Macao, or Taiwan**

- Where the person's or persons' entry into Hong Kong is necessary:
  - i. For the supply of goods or services required for the normal operation of Hong Kong, or the daily needs of the people of Hong Kong.
  - ii. For governmental operation.
  - iii. For the protection of the safety or health of the people of Hong Kong, or the handling of the public health emergency.
  - iv. For the person's or persons' receiving nursery, kindergarten, primary, or secondary education at any school registered under the Education Ordinance (Cap. 279) in Hong Kong, or for the provision of such education.
  - v. For the safe travelling of any person for the purposes mentioned in subparagraph (iv).
  - vi. Because of the exceptional circumstances of the case, that serve the public interest of Hong Kong.
- Where the person's or persons' travelling is necessary for purposes relating to manufacturing operations, business activities, or provision of professional services in the interest of Hong Kong's economic development.

More details on the 26 categories of persons who meet this definition can be found [here](#).

#### **Exemption from Compulsory Quarantine Arrangement for inbound travellers from foreign places**

- Where the person's or persons' entry into Hong Kong is necessary:
  - i. For the supply goods or services required for the normal operation of Hong Kong or the daily needs of the people in Hong Kong.
  - ii. For governmental operation.
  - iii. For the protection of the safety or health of the people of Hong Kong, or the handling of public health emergency.
  - iv. Because of the exceptional circumstances of the case, that serve the public interest of Hong Kong.

More details on the eight categories of persons who meet this definition can be found [here](#).

## **Myanmar**

### **Further extension of temporary measures**

The Department of Civil Aviation has announced that the restrictions for all airlines operating international air services to and from Yangon International Airport (YIA) have been further extended until 15 June 2020, 11.59 p.m. (MST).


These restrictions had been [previously extended](#) to 31 May 2020 11.59 p.m. (MST) to temporarily suspend the landing of all international commercial passenger flights at YIA.

 [More information](#)

### **Temporary suspension of new e-Visa applications**

Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population | 29 May 2020

All new e-Visa applications will be temporarily suspended until 15 June 2020. For more information on the precautionary restrictions for travellers to Myanmar and the Pilot Program for visa exemption, please refer to the link below.

 [More information](#)

## **Nepal**

### **Notice regarding temporary shutdown of visa services**

Department of Immigration | 31 May 2020

The Government has decided to extend the ongoing lockdown period until 14 June 2020. The Department of Immigration also suspends all its visa services until 14 June 2020, and requests all foreigners in Nepal to remain patient regardless of their visa term. The visas will be regulated after regular services resume, as per the [8 April 2020 notice](#) issued by the Department of Immigration.

 [More information](#)

## **Singapore**

### **Changes to work pass services from 2 June 2020**

Ministry of Manpower (MOM) | 1 June 2020

The MOM has announced several changes to its services from 2 June 2020 in line with the phased resumption of activities, including:

- **Card registration:** Pass holders can now [make an appointment](#) to visit the [Employment Pass Services Centre](#) or [MOM Services Centre \(Hall C\)](#) from 2 June 2020.

- **Card delivery services:** Card delivery services will resume from 2 June 2020.
- **Passes expiring from 6 May 2020–5 June 2020:** [Passes expiring](#) from 6 May 2020–5 June 2020 will be automatically extended until 1 July 2020, except for these groups—Work Permit for Performing Artiste; Training Work Permit; Training Employment Pass; Personalised Employment Pass and their dependants; Work Holiday Pass; confinement nannies; and non-Malaysian foreign domestic workers (FDWs) below 50 years old (employers may proceed to [renew their Work Permits](#)). Further updates on this can be expected before 5 June 2020.

To view the full list of activities and their respective details, please refer to the link below.

 [More information](#)

### **Work pass holders urged to follow safe distancing rules or risk having passes revoked** The Straits Times | 1 June 2020

The MOM reminds work pass holders to take COVID-19 rules seriously for their own protection and the safety of the community, including wearing a mask in public and observing safe distancing rules. Work pass holders include foreigners holding Employment Passes, S passes, and work permits. Regardless of the type of work pass they hold, those who are convicted also risk being banned from working in Singapore.

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