

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).

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Hong Kong

Updated quarantine arrangements for the United Kingdom (UK) returnees

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) | 22 December 2020

Under the new requirements, returnees from the UK have to either stay home or stay at a hotel for seven days after completing the 14-day quarantine. After completing the 14-day quarantine, they can opt to serve the 7-day isolation at home or at the designated quarantine hotel where they served their quarantine. Should they need to change hotels in view of individual circumstances, they may change to another designated quarantine hotel.

Returnees from the UK who arrived in Hong Kong before 21 December 2020, and who have already been staying in non-designated hotels, can continue to stay in the same hotel for the 7-day isolation. For more information on the latest quarantine measures, please refer to the link below.

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Latest testing and self-isolation arrangement for air crew, sea crew, and other exempted persons

The Government of the Hong Kong SAR | 22 December 2020

With effect from 22 December 2020 until further notice, all exempted persons (except air crew and sea crew) who have visited the UK in the 14-day prior to their arrival in Hong Kong must undergo self-isolation at a [designated hotel](#) for 21 days upon arrival.

Air crew who have visited the UK during the 14-day period prior to arrival in Hong Kong must undergo self-isolation at a [designated hotel](#), Headland Hotel, or Hong Kong SkyCity Marriott Hotel for 21 days upon arrival.

For more information on the latest testing and self-isolation arrangement for air crew, sea crew, and other exempted persons, please refer to the link below.

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Pakistan

Pakistan bans UK flights

Khaleej Times | 21 December 2020

With effect from 23 December 2020 until 29 December 2020, Pakistan will ban all flights from the United Kingdom (UK), including all direct and indirect flights. The ban will apply to all persons travelling from the UK, and who are in or have been in the UK for the last 10 days.

Transit passengers who do not leave airside in the UK from destinations other than the UK

will be allowed to enter Pakistan.

Pakistani passport holders who have travelled to the UK on visitor or temporary visas will be allowed to return if they test negative for the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test performed within 72 hours prior to the flight. In addition to mandatory quarantine requirements, they will also be required to undergo another PCR test upon arrival in Pakistan, and will be required to stay at the airport or in a government facility until the test is taken.



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Philippines

Philippines bans all flights from the United Kingdom (UK) starting 24 December 2020

Channel NewsAsia | 23 December 2020

With effect from 24 December 2020 until 31 December 2020, all flights from the UK to the Philippines will be suspended. All passengers who have been in the UK in the last 14 days before their arrival in the Philippines, including those in transit, will also be temporarily restricted from entering the country during this period.



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Singapore

Singapore to bar the United Kingdom (UK) travellers and impose tighter measures for those with travel history to New South Wales

Channel NewsAsia | 22 December 2020

Long-term pass holders and short-term visitors with recent travel to the UK will not be allowed entry into Singapore from 23 December 2020, 11.59 p.m. The travellers, including short-term visitors who have travelled to the UK within the last 14 days, will not be allowed to enter or transit through Singapore.

The ban will also apply to travellers who had obtained prior approval for entry into Singapore. Returning Singapore citizens and permanent residents will be required to undergo a COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test upon arrival in Singapore, at the start of their 14-day stay-home notice.

In addition, border measures for travellers with travel history to New South Wales in Australia within the past 14 days will also be tightened from 23 December 2020, 11.59 p.m. All travellers from Australia will be required to declare their travel history at airline check-in

prior to their flight to Singapore.

Short-term travellers holding an Air Travel Pass and who have travelled to New South Wales within the last 14 days before departure for Singapore will not be allowed to enter the country. Singapore citizens, permanent residents, and long-term pass holders will be subject to a seven-day stay-home notice at their place of residence, with a COVID-19 PCR test before the end of the notice period.



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