

Singapore | Immigration | 24 September 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

Entry for foreign nationals holding valid Chinese residence permits for work, personal matters, and reunion

National Immigration Administration | 23 September 2020

With effect from 28 September 2020, foreign nationals holding valid Chinese residence permits for work, personal matters, and reunion will be allowed to enter China without applying for new visas. If their residence permits have expired after 28 March 2020, they may apply for the relevant visas by presenting their expired residence permits and supporting materials at Chinese embassies or consulates on the condition that the purpose of their visit to China remains unchanged.



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Malaysia

Latest updates on entry restrictions for foreign travellers to Malaysia

Expatriate Services Division | 18 September 2020

With effect from 21 September 2020, expatriates in the following categories will be allowed to enter Malaysia:

1. Residence Pass-Talent (RP-T), and their dependants.
2. Employment Pass (Category EP I, II, and III).
3. Professional Visit Pass (PVP).
4. Dependant Pass to expatriates of all categories.
5. Long Term Social Visit Pass (LT-SVP) to expatriates of all categories.
6. Foreign Maids to expatriates of all categories.

They will be required to apply for Entry Permission or Approval to Exit and Return to Malaysia via the MYEntry system. Expatriates who wish to exit Malaysia without returning during the Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO) period may proceed without applying for approval via MYEntry. For more details on the entry requirements and procedures, please refer to the link below.



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New Zealand

Updates on border restrictions

Immigration New Zealand | 21 September 2020

The following categories of persons can now enter New Zealand without first requesting to travel:

- New Zealand citizens or permanent residents.
- Residents with valid travel conditions, except those who received their resident visa outside New Zealand, and have never used it to enter New Zealand.
- Partner or dependent child of New Zealand citizens or residents, and whose visa is based on this relationship.
- Diplomats holding a post in New Zealand.

Persons not on this list intending to travel to New Zealand must be travelling for a critical purpose, and will need to request for approval. To view the list of critical purposes to travel, please click [here](#). Those who meet the criteria to travel can submit an expression of interest using the online request form [here](#). If approved, the applicant will be invited to apply for either a Critical Purpose Visitor Visa, or a variation of their visa conditions if they already have a work or student visa.



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Singapore

New business travel pass being piloted for senior executives in Singapore who need to go abroad regularly for work

The Straits Times | 23 September 2020

A new business travel pass is being piloted for senior executives in Singapore with regional or international responsibilities who need to travel overseas regularly for official and business purposes. Travellers on this pass, which is not country-specific, will be required to abide by a strict controlled itinerary when they travel abroad for work. Upon their return, the traveller will be given the option of doing a COVID-19 test in lieu of a Stay-Home Notice

(SHN), and self-isolate until the test results are out. The number of passes will be strictly limited in the initial phase to ensure that public health outcomes of this pilot can be monitored.



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COVID-19 tests taken by travellers from India must come from recognised labs

Channel NewsAsia | 23 September 2020

The negative COVID-19 test result that selected travellers from India must produce for entry into Singapore has to come from a recognised laboratory in India. These approved laboratories which process the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test results must be internationally accredited or recognised by the Indian Government.

This pre-departure test applies to travellers who are not Singapore citizens or permanent residents. All travellers from India who are allowed entry must also serve a 14-day Stay-Home Notice at a dedicated facility.

Additionally, from 23 September 2020, these travellers will also be required to take a serology test during the 14-day period. Serological tests are tests that look for antibodies—formed by the body to fight off infections—in blood samples. The presence of antibodies will indicate if a person had previously been infected with COVID-19.



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