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## 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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## Indonesia

### Soekarno-Hatta International Airport sets special lanes for Indonesia-Singapore travellers

The Jakarta Post | 19 October 2020

Soekarno-Hatta International Airport is providing special lanes for passengers travelling between Indonesia and Singapore as the two countries have agreed to establish a Reciprocal Green Lane (RGL), or travel corridor to facilitate urgent diplomatic missions and essential business trips, that will come into effect on 26 October 2020.

Departing travellers using the special lanes will have to go through thermal scanners at terminals prior to stopping at a check-in counter, where they are required to present a negative polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test result that is valid for 72 hours. They will then verify their health status through the electronic health alert card (e-HAC) application before they are allowed to board the plane.

Similarly, arriving travellers will conduct their check-in clearance through the e-HAC application upon arrival, with the details that they are able to pre-fill upon departure. They will then pass the immigration and customs counters before reaching the PCR testing area. If they test negative, they will be allowed to continue their trip. However, if the PCR test shows a positive result, the traveller would have to undergo quarantine.

Travellers from Indonesia seeking to enter Singapore will be required to have official sponsors from Singaporean state agencies and enterprises, in addition to a safe travel pass. Likewise, travellers from Singapore seeking to enter Indonesia will be required to have official sponsors from Indonesian state departments and business entities, in addition to a visa. The agreement has established two routes for the travel corridor, one between Soekarno-Hatta International Airport and Changi International Airport, and the other between Batam Ferry Terminal and Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal.

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### Latest updates on eVisa Indonesia

Directorate General of Immigration | 12 October 2020

On its official Instagram account (@ditjen\_imigrasi), the Directorate General of Immigration has released a set of updates relating to the recent launch of eVisa Indonesia. According to the Regulation of Minister of Law and Human Rights No. 26 of 2020, eVisas will be used to replace the current visa labels or stickers. Under this scheme, travellers will no longer be required to collect their visas in person at Indonesian Embassies or representative offices overseas, as the visas will be sent to their email addresses. To access the online eVisa Indonesia application, please click [here](#).

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## New Zealand

### Expression of Interest (EOI) selection process deferred another six months

Immigration New Zealand | 19 October 2020

To enable Immigration New Zealand to focus on processing applications from people in New Zealand or those eligible to travel here while border restrictions are in place, the Government will continue to defer the Expression of Interest selection process for the Skilled Migrant Category and Parent Resident Category for a further six months. This decision will be reviewed in 2021.



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## Philippines

### Antigen test requirement for outbound travel lifted

Philippine Information Agency | 25 October 2020

The Bureau of Immigration (BI) has announced that it will implement the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) ruling to lift the antigen test requirement for outbound travel starting from 1 November 2020. However, travellers will still need to comply with requirements to present a negative COVID-19 test certificates if they are required by the country of destination.

Travellers leaving under a tourist visa will also need to present a round-trip ticket, and will be required to sign a declaration acknowledging the risks of travelling, which will be given to them by the airline upon check-in.

Travellers arriving in the Philippines are required to have a pre-booked accredited quarantine facility before they arrive, and are subjected to the maximum capacity of inbound passengers set by airport authorities. After they have completed the immigration inspection procedures, arriving passengers will proceed to the one-stop shop the airports, where they will be tested and referred to their assigned quarantine facility.



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### Philippines to allow foreign investors to enter from 1 November 2020

ABS-CBN News | 23 October 2020

With effect from 1 November 2020, foreigners with investor's visas, 47A2 visas from the Department of Justice, and visas from the Aurora Pacific Economic Zone and Freeport Authority and the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority will be allowed to enter the Philippines. These travellers must possess a valid existing visa at the time of entry and pre-book their

stay at an accredited quarantine facility.

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## Singapore

### **Singapore and Germany agree to set up 'green lane' for essential business and official travel**

Channel NewsAsia | 23 October 2020

Residents in Singapore and Germany may soon be able to travel between the two countries for essential business and official purposes, after both sides agreed to establish a reciprocal green lane. Eligible applicants will have to abide by the COVID-19 prevention and public health measures mutually agreed by both countries. Operational details of the green lane, including the procedural requirements, health protocols, and application process, will be announced at a later date.

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