



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).

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Singapore

Singapore and Malaysia to allow cross-border travel for some residents and business travellers

Channel NewsAsia | 27 June 2020

Singapore and Malaysia have agreed to allow cross-border travel for certain groups of people, including residents who hold long-term immigration passes for business and work purposes.

A Reciprocal Green Lane (RGL) and a Periodic Commuting Arrangement (PCA) will be established for different groups of travellers. The RGL will facilitate cross-border travel for essential business and official purposes. The PCA, on the other hand, will allow Singapore and Malaysia residents who hold long-term immigration passes for business and work purposes in the other country to periodically return to their home countries for short-term home leave.

Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin have tasked their officials to work expeditiously on the operational details of the RGL and PCA, and to continue discussions on other proposals to gradually facilitate more cross-border movement of people.

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Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka to welcome tourists from 1 August 2020

Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau | 26 June 2020

Sri Lanka is readying to welcome travellers of all nationalities and types (groups, families, and individuals) with safety guidelines and precautionary measures. For more information on the measures, including visa application procedures, minimum stay requirements, and COVID-19 testing, please refer to the link below.

 [More information](#)

Extension of visas for foreigners in Sri Lanka

Department of Immigration and Emigration | 9 June 2020

Foreign nationals currently in Sri Lanka will have their visa validity periods extended until 11 July 2020. They would need to pay the relevant visa fee and obtain the visa endorsement in their passport by securing an appointment with the Department of Immigration and Emigration on or before 11 July 2020.

Only those who possess an Appointment Notice will be permitted to enter the Department. In the event that a curfew is imposed by the Government on the date of your appointment, please do not visit the Department. Instead, please email the Department with a copy of your Appointment Notice, and a new appointment will be arranged for you in due course.

All visas expiring between 7 March and 11 July 2020 will be exempted from the overstay penalty. For more details on how to secure an appointment and to view

the relevant contact information for the Department, please refer to the link below.

 [More information](#)

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