

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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Australia

VAC waiver for Temporary Skill Shortage or Temporary Work (Skilled) visa (subclasses 482 and 457)

Department of Home Affairs | 27 February 2021

The Department of Home Affairs has announced a waiver for the Visa Application Charge (VAC) associated with subsequent applications for people who held a Temporary Skill Shortage visa (TSS) or subclass 457 visa, and were either unable to travel to Australia or had travelled and departed but were unable to return before their visa ceased due to the COVID-19 travel restrictions. This waiver applies to those who held a TSS or subclass 457 visa while travel restrictions were in place and need a new visa to re-enter Australia.



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Latest updates on passenger caps

ABC News | 5 February 2021

From 15 February 2021, passenger caps for New South Wales have returned to a weekly cap of 3,010 people and Queensland to 1,000 people. Western Australia remains at reduced capacity at 512. South Australia has increased its cap by 40 people a week to 530 and Victoria by nearly 200 to 1,310, taking the weekly cap to 6,362. The Government's repatriation flights to the Howard Springs facility in the Northern Territory, Canberra, and Hobart do not count under the caps. The two-week quarantine in hotels will also remain regardless of vaccination.



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China

Entry requirements for foreign nationals departing from South Africa

Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China | 1 March 2021

All foreign nationals who are holding valid Residence Permits for work, personal matters, or reunion, and are travelling from South Africa to China will be required to contact and obtain approval from the Embassy in Pretoria, or Consulates General in Durban, Cape Town, or Johannesburg before booking their flight tickets and taking the

nucleic acid and Immunoglobulin M (IgM) antibody tests. Boarding and applications for the Health Declaration Code (HDC) QR Code will not be approved for passengers without the confirmation.



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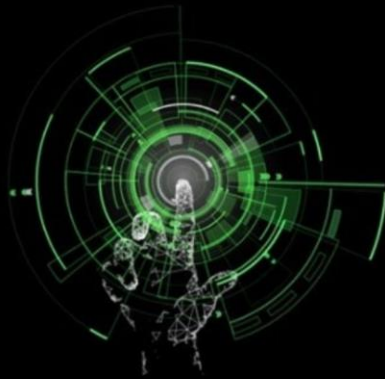
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