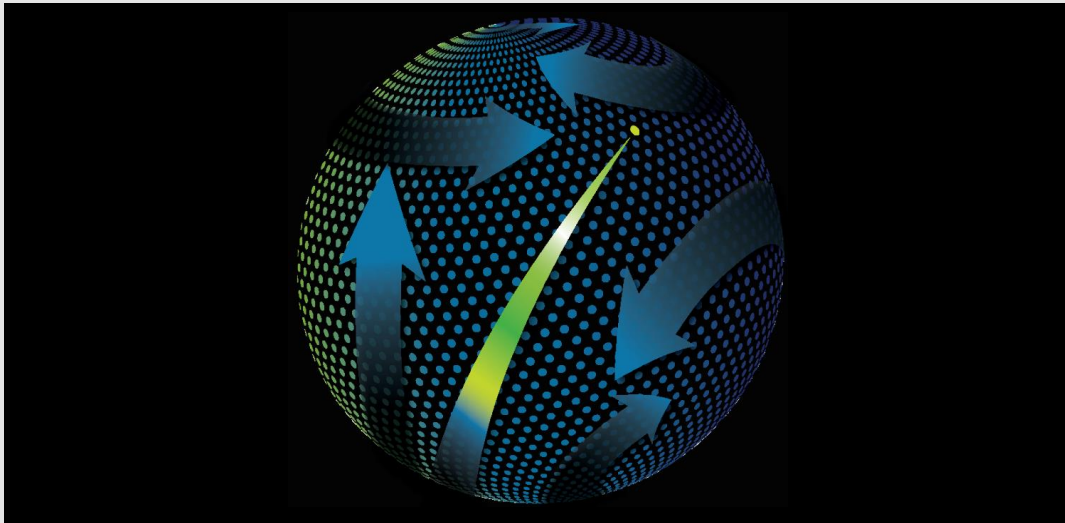


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The COVID-19 pandemic is a rapidly evolving situation, and authorities across the globe frequently update their travel advisories and immigration policies in response to the outbreak situation on the ground. In this series of news alerts, we will provide 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

The Government adjusts vaccination record requirements for persons arriving in Hong Kong

Government of the Hong Kong special administrative region (SAR) | 20 August 2021

With effect from 20 August 2021, persons arriving in Hong Kong from group B specified places, Taiwan, or group C specified places, who hold vaccination records issued by the relevant authorities or institutions where the vaccines were administered, will be regarded as having fulfilled the boarding and compulsory quarantine period-related vaccination record requirements.


However, persons arriving in Hong Kong from group A specified places must hold recognised vaccination records to be regarded as having fulfilled the relevant requirements. Recognised vaccination records include those issued by Hong Kong, an authority or recognised institution of a country where its national regulatory authority is designated by the World Health Organisation as a stringent regulatory authority, Mainland or Macao authorities or an institution recognised by Mainland or Macao authorities, or an authority or recognised institution of a jurisdiction with a bilateral vaccination record recognition agreement with Hong Kong.

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Hong Kong and Singapore will no longer pursue bilateral Air Travel Bubble (ATB)

Government of the Hong Kong SAR | 19 August 2021

The Governments of the Hong Kong SAR and Singapore have decided not to pursue further discussions on the bilateral ATB, but remained committed to facilitating connectivity between the two places. For more information on Singapore's announcement to unilaterally allow the quarantine-free entry of travellers from Hong Kong into Singapore, please refer to "Air Travel Pass applications for travellers from Hong Kong and Macao" in the section below.

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New Zealand

All of New Zealand is currently under alert level four

New Zealand Government | 17 August 2021

All of New Zealand is currently under alert level four. Under alert level four, people can only leave their homes to shop for groceries, access necessary healthcare, get a COVID-19 test, exercise in their local area, or go to work if they are working in an alert level four service and cannot work from home. More information on what alert level four entails can be found in the link below. For more details on travel to New Zealand and updates on quarantine-free arrangements, please click [here](#).



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Singapore

Launch of vaccinated travel lanes with Germany and Brunei, and lifting of restrictions for travellers from Hong Kong and Macao

Channel NewsAsia | 19 August 2021

Singapore has announced the launch of vaccinated travel lanes with Germany and Brunei, and the lifting of restrictions for travellers from Hong Kong and Macao:

- **Vaccinated travel lanes with Germany and Brunei**

Singapore will launch its vaccinated travel lanes with Germany and Brunei on 8 September 2021 to allow fully vaccinated travellers to enter Singapore without serving a stay-home notice. The vaccinated travel lanes will be open to all travel purposes.

Travellers do not need to follow a controlled itinerary or have a sponsor, but they must have remained in Germany or Brunei in the last 21 consecutive days before they depart for Singapore. They also must travel to Singapore on non-stop designated flights, and undergo multiple COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests: a pre-departure test within 48 hours of the scheduled flight, an on-arrival test at Changi Airport, and post-arrival tests on days three and seven at a designated clinic in Singapore.


Fully vaccinated Singapore citizens and permanent residents (PRs) do not need to apply for a vaccination travel pass to enter Singapore under the scheme. However, short-term visitors and long-term pass holders will need to apply for

a vaccinated travel pass. Applications for these passes open on 1 September 2021.

- **Air travel pass applications for travellers from Hong Kong and Macao**

Short-term visitors with travel history to Hong Kong or Macao in the last 21 consecutive days can apply for an air travel pass for entry into Singapore from 26 August 2021. Visitors will be required to undergo a COVID-19 PCR test upon arrival at Changi Airport, and can go about their activities in Singapore with a negative test result. They will no longer need to serve a seven-day stay-home notice with a COVID-19 PCR test before the end of the notice.

From 20 August 2021 at 11.59 p.m., Singapore citizens, PRs and long-term pass holders who have spent the last 21 days in Hong Kong or Macao and are returning to Singapore will take a PCR test upon arrival. If the result is negative, they will be allowed to go about their activities in Singapore.

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“Tamper-proof” vaccination stickers for vaccinated travellers

Channel NewsAsia | 19 August 2021

From 11.59 p.m. on 20 August 2021, the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority will issue “tamper-proof” vaccination stickers to newly arrived travellers who have been fully inoculated with a vaccine under the World Health Organisation’s emergency use list. These stickers, which will be affixed to the passports of the travellers, will enable travellers to become eligible for vaccination-differentiated safe management measures.

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Singapore to classify countries/regions into four categories with differentiated border measures

The Straits Times | 19 August 2021

Singapore will classify countries/regions into four categories, with differentiated border measures for each category. For more information on the countries/regions under each category and their respective requirements, please refer to the link below.

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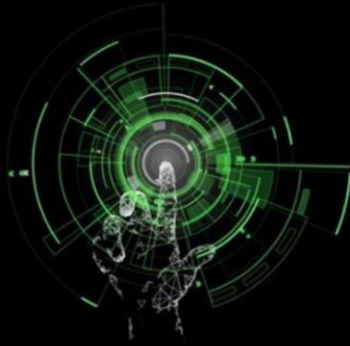
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