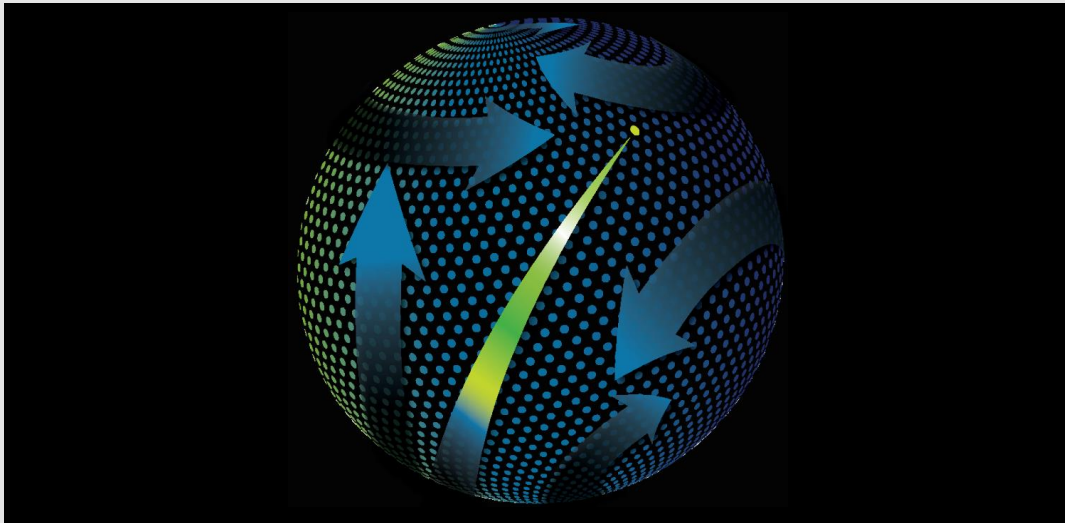


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The COVID-19 pandemic is a rapidly evolving situation, and authorities across the globe frequently update their travel advisories and immigration policies in response to the outbreak situation on the ground. In this series of news alerts, we will provide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

Latest addition to list of group A specified places

Government of the Hong Kong special administrative region (SAR) | 3 January 2022

The Government has announced that Bulgaria will be specified as a group A specified place from 6 January 2022. Non-Hong Kong residents who have stayed in group A specified places within the last 21 days will not be allowed to enter Hong Kong. Hong Kong residents may only board a flight for Hong Kong if they have been fully vaccinated and hold a recognised vaccination record. They will have to undergo compulsory quarantine in a designated quarantine hotel for 21 days upon return to Hong Kong, with six tests to be conducted during quarantine, followed by compulsory testing at a community testing centre on the 26th day of arrival.



More information

Updates to list of places of recognised vaccination records

Government of the Hong Kong SAR | 3 January 2022

With effect from 5 January 2022, the Government will accept vaccination records issued by the relevant authorities of Belarus, Brunei Darussalam, Montenegro, Tunisia, Uruguay, and Vietnam as recognised vaccination records for Hong Kong residents who have stayed in group A specified places. To view the latest list of places of recognised vaccination records, please click [here](#).



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Japan


Latest updates to validity periods for certificates of eligibility (COEs) *(Translated from Japanese)*

Immigration Services Agency of Japan | 28 December 2021

The Immigration Services Agency of Japan has announced the following updates to the validity periods for COEs:

- **COEs issued between 1 January 2020 and 31 October 2021** will expire on 30 April 2022.

- **COEs issued between 1 November 2021 and 30 April 2022** will expire six months after their issuance.

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Extension of existing border measures

Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare | 28 December 2021

The Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare has announced that existing border measures, including the suspension of entry for foreigners, will continue to remain in force for the time being.

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Myanmar

Extension of precautionary restriction measures relating to control of the COVID-19 pandemic until 31 January 2022

Ministry of Information | 2 January 2022

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has announced the extension of temporary entry restrictions for visitors from all countries until 31 January 2022.

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Suspension of international flights extended until 31 January 2022

Xinhua | 31 December 2021

The Ministry of Transport and Communications has further extended the suspension of international commercial flights until 31 January 2022.


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Temporary suspension of new e-visa applications

Ministry of Immigration and Population | 31 December 2021

In light of the evolving COVID-19 situation, all new e-visa applications will be

temporarily suspended until 31 January 2022.

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South Korea

Latest updates to border controls *(Translated from Korean)*


Korea Centres for Disease Control and Prevention | 29 December 2021

Current border measures requiring all international arrivals to undergo 10 days of quarantine have been extended until 3 February 2022. Korean nationals and foreign nationals with long-term visas may undergo quarantine at their residence. They will be required to take the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test three times: before entry, after entry, and before the completion of their quarantine. Short-term visitors will be required to undergo quarantine at a Government designated facility. Quarantine exemptions remain applicable for arrivals attending family funerals (within seven days) and Government officials.

Travellers who have purchased flight tickets from Singapore between 29 December 2021 to 20 January 2022 would also not be eligible for the vaccinated travel lane (VTL) arrangement and quarantine exemption. Those who already hold valid tickets and meet all other conditions for VTL travel will not be affected.

In addition, the entry ban on short-term travellers from the following 11 African locations have been extended until 3 February 2022: Botswana, Eswatini, Ghana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

With effect from 13 January 2021, the entry requirement for a COVID-19 PCR negative certificate will also be modified to require travellers to be tested within 72 hours of their flight, instead of a certificate issued within 72 hours of their flight.

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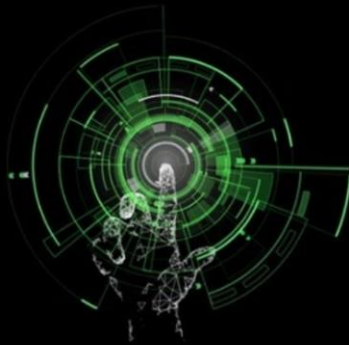
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