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Vaccine-nation



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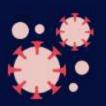
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Most countries imposed strict border controls since the COVID-19 outbreak, causing international travel to be halted

Many countries, including Singapore, have been striving to establish "travel bubble" or "travel lanes" to enable business and essential travels





The emergence of new virulent strains of the virus are dampening the nascent revivals of travel. As such, travel suspensions occur whenever a new wave of COVID-19 hits partner countries

With the long-awaited vaccines finally coming into play, vaccination passports emerge as a potential solution for safe travel





What is a Vaccination Passport?



Also known as a health passport, this document indicates that an individual has completed his COVID-19 vaccination. Similar medical passports for Cholera and Yellow Fever were issued in the past.

Common pros and cons of vaccination passports



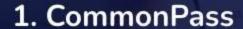
- Travel requirements such as quarantines, PCR tests, and similar restrictions may be lifted
- Governments can now closely monitor the health statuses of incoming travellers through coordinated records of immunisations
- Reopening international borders will help rejuvenate local economies



- Presents privacy and security risks to potential leakage of personal information and health data
- Fraudulent occurrences can take place via people who have not been vaccinated but produce fake certificates
- Might be impractical as vaccines are relatively new with limited data on their effectiveness

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Pioneers in vaccination passports



By Common Projects & World Economic Forum



Digitally documented COVID-19 status (health declarations, PCR test results, vaccination status)



Has both transparency and security features. Required health information is revealed only to authorities in arrival countries



Currently adopted by Cathay Pacific, United Airlines on selected routes



Target to extend its usage as a mandatory entry pass to venues such as concerts, cinemas or stadiums



Pioneers in vaccination passports

2. IATA Travel Pass

By International Air Transport Association



Set to launch by March 2021, the platform can be incorporated into an airline's inhouse mobile application



Records a traveller's test results, general health, and vaccination status, thus allowing a seamless travel experience



Airlines that have participated in the pilot phase on selected routes include Singapore Airlines, Emirates, and British Airways, among others

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Pioneers in vaccination passports

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3. Digital Health Passport

By SGInnovate & Accredify



A collaboration with Singapore's Ministry of Health and Ministry of Manpower to create tamper-proof COVID-19 discharge memos



Empowered by GovTech blockchain technology to effectively manage and secure data



The login process is integrated with SingPass to ensure authenticity and allow smooth access to a users' digital records

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Updated Guide to Business Travel for Singapore Residents

In this section, get to know:

- How Singapore Residents Can Now Travel for Business
- What Singapore Residents Can Expect Upon Returning Home







Summary of Business Travel within ASEAN region

Country	Allow to Enter	Ways of Entry	Quarantine Days
Brunei		RGL	Not required
Cambodia		Conditional application	14 days
Indonesia	8	NIL	NIL
Laos		Conditional application	14 days
Malaysia		Conditional application	14 days
Myanmar	(8)	NIL	NIL
Philippines		Conditional application	7 days
Thailand		Special Tourist Visa	15 days
Vietnam		Conditional application	Case-by-case basis

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Business Travel through Reciprocal Green Lane (RGL)





Brunei

China



Reciprocal Green Lanes are now temporarily suspended with the 5 countries below:



Germany 3-months suspension, effective from 1st Feb 2021



Malaysia
3-months suspension,
effective from 1st Feb 2021



Indonesia
Temporary suspension,
until 22nd Feb 2021



South Korea
3-months suspension,
effective from 1st Feb 2021



Japan Temporary suspension, until 7th Mar 2021

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Business Travel with Partial Restrictions



Netherlands



South Africa



Turkey



United Kingdom



United States



Vietnam

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Sponsoring company to apply from Entry Travel Pass website at least 8 working days before departure

Maximum stay: 30 days Remained in Singapore for 14 days

Negative PCR COVID-19 test 72 hours prior to departure

Download mobile tracing application -BruHealth

14-days controlled travel itinerary

Approved Entry Travel Pass Host to arrange direct transportation to hotel

Mandatory COVID-19 PCR test on the next day after arrival Remain in isolation in the hotel until test results are released

Adhere to controlled itinerary and only travel with private transportation





China

RGL Cities: Shanghai, Tianjin, Chongqing, Jiangsu, Zhejiang













Sponsoring company/ government agency to apply Fast Lane Access from Foreign Affairs Office or Commerce Authority

Traveller(s) to apply Chinese visa with invitation letter issued

Maximum stay: Case-by-case basis Remained in Singapore for 14 days

Negative PCR COVID-19 test 48 hours prior to departure

Download mobile tracing application

14-days controlled travel itinerary

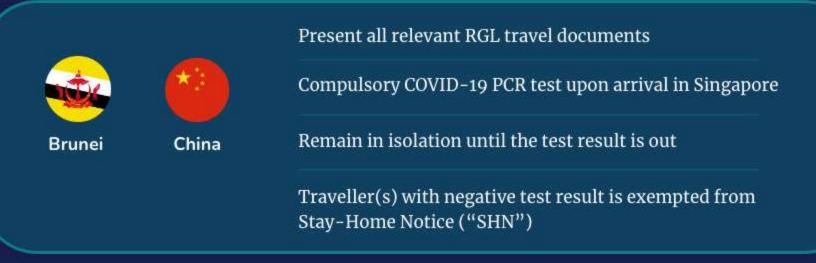
Approved Entry Visa Mandatory COVID-19 PCR test and serology test Remain in isolation in the hotel until test results are released

Adhere to controlled itinerary and only travel with private transportation

After 14 days, traveller(s) may travel to non-RGL regions within China



Returning to Singapore





Note: Traveller(s) should always check for the latest updates/ requirements from relevant authorities prior to departure

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Netherlands













Check the <u>latest safe</u> <u>countries list</u> from the Netherlands Government website

Maximum stay: Follow visa conditions Remained in Singapore for 14 days

Negative PCR COVID-19 test 72 hours prior to departure Present negative COVID-19 PCR results Traveller(s) who did not meet requirements may need to self-isolate for a maximum of 10 days





South Africa

Entry Points: Tambo International Airport, King Shaka International Airport, Cape Town International Airport













Check the <u>latest</u>
<u>border regulations</u>
from the South
African Government
website

Maximum stay: Follow visa conditions Remained in Singapore for 14 days

Negative PCR COVID-19 test 72 hours prior to departure

Install the COVID Alert South Africa mobile application Present negative COVID-19 PCR results Traveller(s) who
did not meet
requirements may
need to to be
quarantined at
designated facility
at own cost

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Maximum stay: Follow visa conditions Remained in Singapore for 14 days

Negative PCR COVID-19 test 72 hours prior to departure Present negative COVID-19 PCR results

Complete passenger information form Undergo medical screening for COVID-19 related symptoms Traveller(s) who shows COVID-19 related symptoms will be required to perform another swab test

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Check the <u>latest</u>
<u>travel corridor list</u> on
UK government
website

Maximum stay: Follow visa conditions Remained in Singapore for 14 days

Negative PCR COVID-19 test 72 hours prior to departure

Complete online passenger locator form and submit 48 hours prior to arrival Present negative COVID-19 PCR results

Present a copy (printed/electronic) of the passenger locator form with QR code Traveller(s) needs to self-isolate for 10 days

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Check the <u>latest</u>
entry restrictions list
from CDC website

Maximum stay: Follow visa conditions Remained in Singapore for 14 days

Negative PCR COVID-19 test 72 hours prior to departure Present negative COVID-19 PCR results Traveller(s) is recommended to perform another COVID-19 test within 3 to 5 days post arrival and self-quarantine for 10 days post-travel

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Vietnam

The regulations below only applicable for permitted visitors on trips with less than 14 days













Prepare travel
itinerary and submit
application to
HCMC's Department
of Labour/ Invalids
and social affairs/
Hanoi's People
Committee

Maximum stay: 14 days Submit online health declaration at https://tokhaiyte.vn/

Negative PCR COVID-19 test 3 to 5 days prior to departure

Ensure the traveller(s) is covered with appropriate health insurance; or investing agencies/ organisations to bear any treatment fee related to COVID-19

Present negative COVID-19 PCR results

Must install and register with Bluezone application Mandatory COVID-19 swab tests every two days while in Vietnam in lieu of quarantine

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Returning to Singapore





Compulsory COVID-19 PCR test upon arrival in Singapore

Remain in isolation until the test result is out

Traveller(s) with negative test result is exempted from SHN

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