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This Week:



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

Pioneers in vaccination passports

1. CommonPass

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

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2. IATA Travel Pass

By International Air
Transport Association



Set to launch by March 2021, the platform can be incorporated into an airline's in-house 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

Pioneers in vaccination passports

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

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	✗	NIL	NIL
Laos	✓	Conditional application	14 days
Malaysia	✓	Conditional application	14 days
Myanmar	✗	NIL	NIL
Philippines	✓	Conditional application	7 days
Thailand	✓	Special Tourist Visa	15 days
Vietnam	✓	Conditional application	Case-by-case basis

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

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



Brunei



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



Brunei



China

Present all relevant RGL travel documents

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 Stay-Home Notice ("SHN")



Germany



Indonesia



Japan



Malaysia



South Korea

Compulsory COVID-19 PCR test upon arrival in Singapore

Traveller(s) will be subjected to 14 days SHN at dedicated SHN facility

Mandatory COVID-19 PCR test at the end of SHN

Note: RGL arrangement with the 5 countries has been temporarily suspended

Netherlands



Check the latest safe countries list 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

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



South Africa

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



Check the latest border regulations 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 be quarantined at designated facility at own cost

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

Turkey



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

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



United Kingdom



Check the latest travel corridor list 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



United States



Check the latest 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

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



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

Returning to Singapore



Netherlands



South Africa*



Turkey



United Kingdom*



United States

Compulsory COVID-19 swab test upon arrival in Singapore

Traveller(s) will be subjected to 14 days Stay-Home Notice ("SHN") at dedicated SHN facility

Mandatory COVID-19 PCR test at the end of SHN

*Additional 7-day SHN at place of residence and COVID-19 PCR test at the end of the 7-day SHN



Vietnam

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

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

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