

Mobility: Immigration Alert

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Indonesia

Update on Entry Restriction to Indonesia and International Travel Health Protocol for Foreigners

Executive summary

On 15 September 2021, the Ministry of Law and Human Rights issued Regulation No. 34 which covers the provision of visas and Stay Permits as part of the Government's plans to control Covid-19 and implement the National Economic Recovery measures. This regulation covers several issues, including entry restrictions, immigration checkpoints and visas. It replaces Regulation No. 27.

The Directorate General of Immigration (DGI) issued guidance for the implementation of Regulation No. 34 on 17 September 2021 (DGI 0196/2021).

Further, on 24 September 2021, the Ministry of Manpower issued a Circular Letter (SE) No. 11/2021, which addresses Validation of RPTKA* ("Pengesahan RPTKA" or Work Permit) Services during the handling of the spread of Covid-19.

(*RPTKA: Rencana Penggunaan Tenaga Kerja Asing or Manpower Utilization Plan).

When this will be effective?

Regulation No. 34 and DGI 0196/2021 took effect on 15 and 17 September 2021 respectively, whilst SE 11/2021 took effect on 24 September 2021.

These regulations apply for an indefinite period, but the Government has indicated it will be re-evaluating the regulations in accordance with developments in the Covid-19 situation and are subject to change without prior notice.

Entry Restriction

Indonesia's borders remain closed for foreigners. However, exemptions apply for certain visa and stay permit holders, as follows:

- Official/Diplomatic Visa
- Official/Diplomatic Stay Permit
- Temporary/Permanent Stay Permit, and
- Active crew member.

Effective from 15 September 2021, Indonesia also allows the following visa holders to enter Indonesia:

- Visit Visa
- APEC Card, and
- Limited Stay Visa

Visa on Arrival and Visa Exemption (Free Visa) remain suspended until the Covid-19 pandemic is declared by the Indonesian Government to have ended.

Immigration Check Points

Entry into Indonesia is allowed only through certain Immigration Check Points upon successfully completing health protocols set by the Government.

The point of entry will be decided by the Government with consideration to the readiness of each local Government in Indonesia. As of 15 September 2021, there are only two immigration check points, being Soekarno-Hatta International Airport in Tangerang, Banten and Sam Ratulangi International Airport in Manado, North Sulawesi.

Decline of Entry

The Government may prohibit foreigners from certain countries with a high spread of Covid-19 from entering Indonesia. The list of countries is determined by the Government based on information from the relevant Ministry or institution handling Covid-19, which is provided every 14 days.

Entry Requirement and Health Protocol

Foreigners entering Indonesia are required to:

- Show a completed Vaccination Card/Certificate (physical or digital).
- Show a valid RT-PCR negative test result. This does not apply to crew members entering Indonesia via yachts.
- Undergo eight days quarantine and PCR tests upon arrival in Indonesia.

The requirement to be fully vaccinated does not apply for the following:

- Travellers below the age of 18 years old.
- Holders of Diplomatic/Official Visa for official visits to Indonesia at Minister level or above.
- Foreigners entering Indonesia under the Travel Corridor Arrangement (TCA).
- International travellers with special health conditions or comorbid diseases that prevent them from being vaccinated. This should be supported by a doctor's certificate from a government hospital at the country of origin which states that the person has not and cannot receive the Covid-19 vaccination.

Where foreigners had not been vaccinated overseas, they are required to be vaccinated at the quarantine location upon arrival in Indonesia after their second negative RT-PCR test result, where they meet one of the following requirements:

- Foreigners are aged between 12-17 year-old
- Holders of Diplomatic Visa and Official Visa
- Holder of ITAS or ITAP

Offshore Visa**

Offshore Visit Visas and Limited Stay Visas can now be applied for by the sponsor company for certain types of activities.

In general, all new visa application requires the following documents:

- Negative RT-PCR Covid-19 test result
- Proof of completed Covid-19 vaccination
- Statement of Willingness to follow Health Protocols in Indonesia
- Proof of health/travel insurance covering medical costs and/or a statement of willingness to bear any medical costs should they contract with Covid-19 during the stay in Indonesia.

Additional Documents Required:

Additional documents required to apply for a Visa may include:

- Proof of immigration guarantee payment for pre-investment purposes
- Proof of living costs during the stay in Indonesia with min. amount of USD2,000 or equivalent
- Recent photo
- Police Clearance Certificate issued by the relevant authority or Embassy/Consulate of the origin country or statement letter from sponsoring company stating that the foreigner does not have any criminal record, and
- Health Check result showing free of contagious disease or Covid-19 Vaccine Certificate (complete dose).

(**Visa which is applied while the foreigner is still abroad).

Consulate Visa

Single Entry Visit Visas can also be applied for directly at the Consulate/Embassy for the following reasons:

- Government visit related to G20 and 144th Inter-Parliamentary Union
- Humanitarian reasons, e.g. visit or accompany sick or deceased siblings/parents
- Medical reasons

Onshore Visa***

Foreigners holding stay permits that are currently in Indonesia but have not been able to return to their home country can be granted an onshore Visit Visa or Limited Stay Visa based on the application submitted by the sponsor company through the DGI Online Visa Application after fulfilling the requirements in accordance with the prevailing regulation.

The onshore Visit Visa will serve as the visit Stay Permit. If foreigners are granted with an onshore limited stay visa, they must report to the Immigration office within 7 days to obtain the new limited stay permit (ITAS).

(***Visa which is applied when the foreigner is in Indonesia).

Existing Visa

Holders of unused e-Visas issued from 22 April 2021 until 18 July 2021 can enter Indonesia up until 15 October 2021.

The Immigration Management Information System sends the visa automatically to eligible foreigners and to the sponsor's registered email address.

Pengesahan RPTKA

Under the SE 11/2021, the sponsoring company could apply for Pengesahan RPTKA only for the following purposes:

1. National Strategic Project and National Vital Object based on recommendation from the Coordinating Ministry of Maritime and Investment.
2. Specific and urgent purpose based on recommendation from the relevant Ministry or institution.

Next Steps

Companies could apply for a new work permit and work visa to employ foreign employees so long as the company obtains a recommendation from the relevant Ministry or institution and observe the new requirements and protocols related to applications and arrival of the foreign employees.

EY will continue to monitor the changes on the regulation and policy. Please contact your local immigration specialist or one of the contacts listed below to discuss any issues raised in this alert.

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