

# Mobility: Immigration alert

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## China Mainland

Pre-travel COVID-19 testing requirements relaxed for all inbound travelers

### Executive summary

Effective 29 April 2023, all individuals seeking to enter China Mainland will be admissible provided they test negative for a rapid antigen COVID-19 test no more than 48 hours prior to departure and meet other applicable entry requirements.

### Key developments

Individuals can take the pre-travel antigen test at home or in a laboratory. They are still required to report the result of this test in a [Health Declaration Form](#) prior to travel.

In general, prior to 29 April 2023, most inbound travelers were required to take a nucleic acid polymerase chain reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test no more than 48 hours prior to departure, and test negative, to be admitted. In early March 2023, limited exceptions were introduced for individuals traveling to China Mainland via direct flights from certain jurisdictions, who were permitted to take an antigen test prior to travel instead of a PCR test.

### Impact on employers

The development is expected to reduce the time required for employers to deploy their employees to China Mainland for assignment, employment or business purposes.

### Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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