

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Singapore

Singapore relaxes entry requirements for Long-Term Pass, Work Permit and S Pass holders and short-term visitors

Executive summary

Effective 29 August 2022, Long-Term Pass (LTP) holders and short-term visitors above the age of 12 who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are no longer required to apply for entry approval prior to entering Singapore. In addition, individuals who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are not required to isolate upon arrival. Effective 1 October 2022, most pass holders will no longer need to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to renew their passes.

Background

Travelers are considered fully vaccinated for purposes of entry to Singapore if they received the second dose of a qualifying two-dose vaccine, or a single dose of a qualifying single-dose vaccine, at least 14 days prior to travel to Singapore. Qualifying vaccines include the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines and the World Health Organization Emergency Use Listing vaccines (e.g., Sinovac, Sinopharm, AstraZeneca, Covaxin).

Key issues

LTP holders and short-term visitors above the age of 12 who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are still required to take a polymerase chain reaction or antigen rapid COVID-19 test (professionally administered or self-administered under the supervision of licensed medical service providers) no more than two days prior to travel, and test negative, to be admitted. Notwithstanding, foreign nationals must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to apply for new LTPs or renew their existing LTPs before 1 October 2022.

Effective 1 October 2022, most pass holders will no longer need to prove that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to renew their immigration documents. However, Work Permit and S Pass holders who are employed in the construction, marine shipyard or process sectors, or reside in dormitories, will still need to provide proof that they are fully vaccinated to renew their documents.

All inbound travelers are still required to submit an online health and travel history [declaration form](#) no more than three days prior to arrival and observe local rules, including those relating to the use of masks and restrictions on public gatherings.

Impact on employers

The new policies are an important step toward reopening the country to international business travel and enabling businesses in Singapore to organize large-scale events, exhibitions and trade shows.

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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