

Mobility: Immigration alert

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France

New COVID-19-related entry requirements for travelers arriving from China Mainland

Executive summary

Effective 5 January 2023, in general, passengers arriving in France on a direct flight from China Mainland or transiting through France from China Mainland en route to another destination are required to test negative for COVID-19 prior to departure, irrespective of their nationality or COVID-19 vaccination status. They are also required to present a sworn health statement to airline personnel prior to boarding. These measures will remain in effect until 31 January 2023 and may be extended at the discretion of the authorities.

Key developments

Passengers traveling to France from China Mainland must take a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or antigen COVID-19 test no more than 48 hours prior to travel, and test negative, to be admitted (for travelers above the age of 11). Travelers must also submit a sworn statement to airline personnel attesting that they: (1) are not experiencing symptoms of COVID-19; (2) have not come into contact with anyone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to their flight; (3) agree to a possible COVID-19 screening on arrival in France (for travelers above the age of 11); and (4) commit to isolate upon arrival at the direction of the French authorities if they test positive for COVID-19 after landing in France (for travelers above the age of 11). Travelers who do not comply with the requirements above will not be permitted to board their flights.

Effective 1 January 2023, all passengers aged six and above must wear masks on flights to France from China Mainland.

Impact on employers

Employers may inform impacted employees traveling from China Mainland of the new COVID-19-related requirements to avoid delays or complications with travel to France.

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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