

# Mobility: Immigration alert

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## China Mainland

### China Mainland further relaxes COVID-19-related travel restrictions

#### Executive summary

Effective 8 January 2023, individuals seeking to enter China Mainland will no longer be required to get tested for COVID-19 or isolate upon arrival. However, inbound travelers will still be required to take a nucleic acid COVID-19 test no more than 48 hours prior to travel, and test negative, to be admitted.

#### Background

The Chinese government began implementing travel restrictions in March 2020 to restrict the spread of COVID-19 and continued updating them as the pandemic evolved. In recent months, China Mainland has relaxed several restrictions, including [lifting the requirement](#) for inbound travelers to obtain PU letters prior to travel, [reopening borders](#) to certain travelers and [relaxing](#) COVID-19 testing and isolation requirements.

#### Key developments

Effective 8 January 2023, inbound travelers will no longer be required to get tested for COVID-19 or undergo centralized isolation upon arrival. Additionally, they will no longer need to obtain a green health code from a Chinese consulate prior to travel. Notwithstanding, they will still be required to take a nucleic acid COVID-19 test (e.g., a polymerase chain reaction test) no more than 48 hours prior to travel, and test negative, to be granted admission. Upon arrival in China Mainland, they will also still be required to complete customs health declaration forms. Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 prior to travel will only be permitted to enter China Mainland after testing negative for a subsequent nucleic acid COVID-19 test.

#### Impact on employers

This latest relaxation in COVID-19-related entry measures is expected to enable employers to expedite and reduce the costs associated with onboarding non-Chinese individuals seeking to work in China Mainland.

#### 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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