

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Nigeria

Indian citizens and India-outbound travelers may now enter Nigeria

Executive summary

Effective 13 September 2021, Indian citizens located in or outside of India and non-Indian citizens located in India, may now enter Nigeria provided they are not traveling directly from Brazil, Turkey or South Africa and were not present in any of these three countries in the 14 days immediately preceding their travel to Nigeria.

Background

The Nigerian Government introduced a “red list” on 4 May 2021 to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within its borders. Citizens of countries on the red list, individuals traveling from red list countries, and those who were present in red list countries in the 14 days immediately preceding their travel to Nigeria, are not currently permitted to enter the country.

Key issues

India was removed from the red list on 13 September 2021 following a reduction in the number of new COVID-19 cases in India. Indian citizens located in or outside of India and non-Indian citizens departing from India, are required to: (1) take a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test no more than 72 hours prior to travel to Nigeria and test negative, (2) complete an [online registration](#), (3) pay the cost of additional COVID-19 testing and quarantine arrangements in advance of travel, (4) download a “Permit to Travel Certificate” and obtain a QR code, (5) present the QR code to the airport and/or border officers, (6) quarantine on arrival in Nigeria, and (7) get tested for COVID-19 after seven days in quarantine.

Diplomats and children under the age of 10 are exempt from paying for the COVID-19 PCR test to be conducted in Nigeria. In some instances, travelers may be permitted to travel to Nigeria without a QR code. However, these travelers are required to complete all entry requirements (including paying for quarantine and post-arrival testing costs) upon arrival.

In general, the quarantine can be completed at government-approved facilities, private homes or other temporary accommodations. During this time, individuals are advised to avoid physical interaction with their families, friends, colleagues and members of the public.

At the end of the quarantine period, travelers must visit a government-approved laboratory and take a PCR COVID-19 test. The test result will be made available within 72 hours. If the result is negative, the travelers will be allowed to end their quarantine. Individuals who test positive will be required to quarantine further at a government-approved facility.

Key steps

The Nigerian Government is expected to announce further changes to its policies regarding red list countries in the near future. EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, please contact any of our immigration professionals.

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